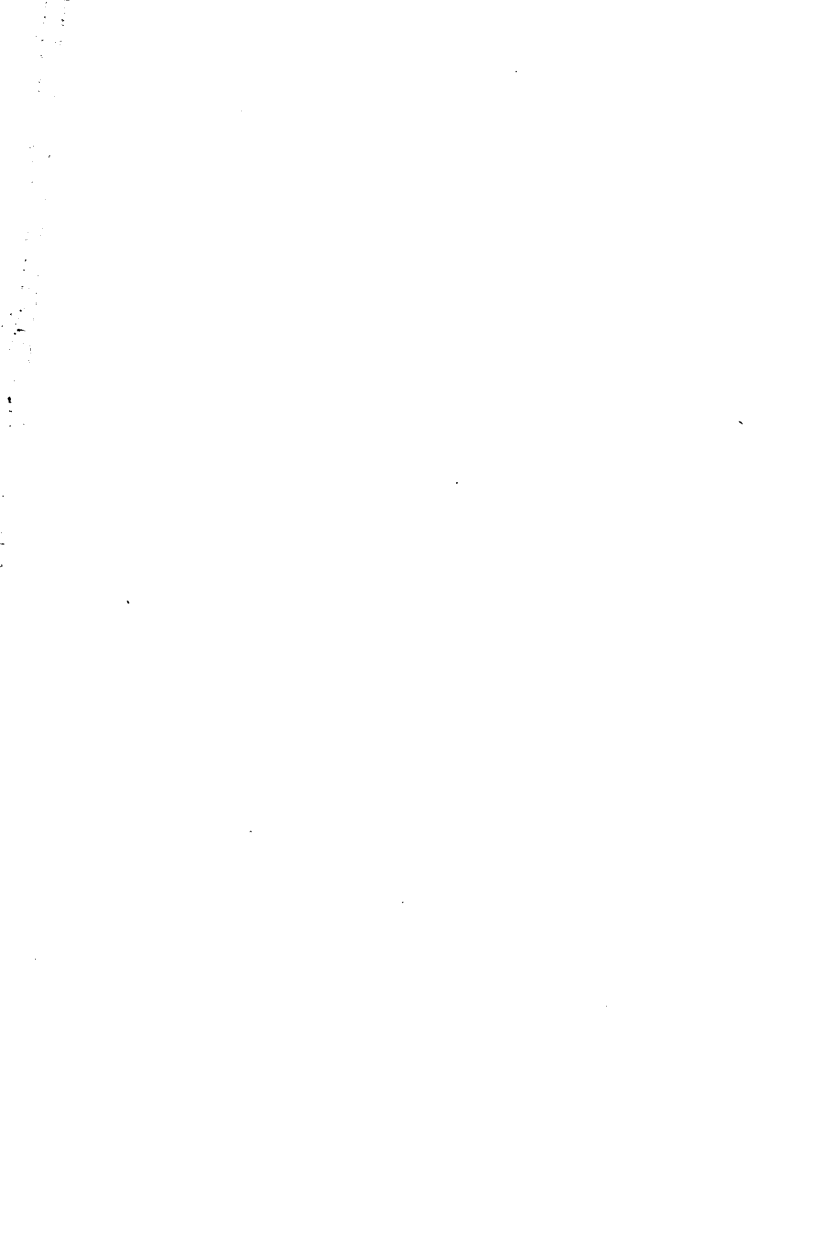


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Preface

There is a *widespread movement* among many churches to make their places of worship more beautiful and their services more ritualistic. New church buildings and old ones being remodeled are often restoring the chancel and altar to their proper places. Orders of service are being enriched and rearranged. This new hunger for the element of beauty in worship represents a genuine need and the stirring of a new-age spirit. The orders of worship in this book grew out of the experiences of a group of people who are trying to meet spiritual needs today and to reclaim some of the beauty of earlier worship experiences.

This rapidly growing movement in which a larger place is given to order and beauty in the service of worship means a *new combination of religious forces*. For centuries the older churches kept alive the spirit of Christianity by means of rituals and ceremonies, largely without sermons. These churches finally lost their hold on the more progressive peoples because they were unresponsive to modern needs. They did not believe in democracy or public education. They continued the emphasis upon the fears rather than the loves of religion. They made religion an inherited possession rather than a fellowship based on personal experience. They gave the people of the churches no liberty in thought, action, or control in church affairs, and in many instances tried to thwart all such aspirations in political and social realms.

Finally these repressed forces broke forth in the Reformation, producing Protestantism in the church and democracy in the state. The protesting churches naturally enough specialized in their new freedoms, the pulpit displaced the altar, the sermon and pastoral prayer absorbed most of the ritual. The effort exemplified in this book is an attempt to combine the liberties, reforms and prophetic functions of Protestantism with the beauty of ritual which does not contradict the newer and finer things we have learned about God, life and man. It is a new alignment of religious forces, with great promise, the future of which cannot yet be told.

The *order* followed in these services is exceedingly old. In early Christian worship, in synagogue worship, and even in some of the more ancient temple ceremonies, the general plan of the service is much the same. It begins with a note of *praise and aspiration* to create a realiza-

tion of the presence of God. The next note is *confession*. Whenever the individual feels the presence of the Almighty, the contrast between human life and God's life inevitably produces a sense of humility. The service begins on the heights of praise and soon descends to the valley of confession. This experience is good for the soul, but if worship is to end in the valley it can bring neither joy nor uplift. Its next task is while retaining a sense of humility to rise to the altitude of *assurance* where the people can recite their beliefs and offer their prayers with a sense of pardon and the confidence of a new hope.

Having acquired assurance through the discipline of humility, the next question is what shall be done about it, and the resolute expression of *dedication* as a tangible evidence of thankfulness is the climax of this part of the worship service. This is especially important for an age that is active and finds its religion more through its experiences than through its reflections. High resolve, however, is not the end of religious experience. We need also knowledge and power to put the new resolutions at work and keep them there. This requires *instruction and inspiration* and here the sermon has its unrivaled opportunity, working upon minds and hearts which have just been led through the various moods of worship which should develop receptivity at its best. Aside from a somewhat larger background of praise before the note of confession and a stronger emphasis upon dedication to meet more fully our modern feeling, these services follow a pathway that has been handed down across the centuries.

The old order should be kept, but the *content* of the older services of worship is in large measure unacceptable to our present moods of thought and action. This is due to discarded theologies and archaic language. Also there is a craving for some mention of our modern problems, otherwise religion is apt to seem unrelated to reality. The task of this book, therefore, was to find beautiful, intellectually acceptable and spiritually uplifting materials to use in the frame of the ancient order. The material was gathered in the only way such things should be gathered; namely, in the actual experience of congregational worship. For several years Park Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been making these changes. This little book testifies to results actually achieved. In common with other churches which are experimenting in this field, the church where these services originated bears witness to growing satisfactions in worship, felt by an ever-increasing number of people.

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How to Use This Book

Because beauty should be found in a carefully planned order of worship, this book suggests a certain order to be followed. Much freedom of choice is possible, however, and several alternatives are offered. Certain sections can be omitted if desired without spoiling the harmony, and at two places in each service a choice of materials is suggested.

Orders of Worship for Morning or Evening, Services One to Fifteen — These are intended primarily for morning worship, although by omitting some of the sections they can be shortened sufficiently for a vesper or evening service. The full service can be completed in one hour and a quarter, allowing from twenty-five to thirty minutes for the sermon. The various elements in the service are as follows:

The Organ Prelude should be as devotional as possible. In some churches the prelude begins ten or fifteen minutes before the hour of the main service. Appreciation of the musical service leads the people to arrive promptly, the confusion of tardiness is minimized, and definite worship values are created.

The Hymn of Praise — The congregational hymn is generally regarded as the most effective way of creating a worshipful atmosphere and emphasizing the unity of purpose which brought the people together. The suggestion that the hymn be a processional does not necessitate a chancel, a vested choir, or a march down the aisle. In any church a beautiful effect may be achieved by having the choir sing the first stanza outside the sanctuary, the congregation rising and the choir entering with the beginning of the second stanza.

Call to Worship and Invocation — This may be exceedingly brief and given by the minister only. If so, the people can remain standing through the *Sentences of Praise* and the first congregational prayer.

The assumption is, however, that if a church wishes to enrich its order of worship it will desire some choir responses. This part of the service offers one of the best opportunities for antiphonal responses between the minister and the choir. If this is done the people should be seated first, otherwise they will be called upon to stand for too long a time.

The Sentences of Praise — These are Scriptural and to be read

responsively. They express pure praise, that is worship of God, for what he is and not for what he does for us.

The Prayer of Praise or Thanksgiving—The title of this prayer changes from praise to thanksgiving according to the contents. The "Amen" may be congregational or choral as preferred. An organ interlude may well follow at this point to allow the late-comers to be seated.

Choir or Sermonette for Children—Three alternatives are possible here. This number may be omitted, it may be a choir number or a sermonette for children. If the children are dismissed at this time it is recommended that the organ play during their retirement and that this be followed by a brief *Call to Confession* by the choir, preceding the *Call to Confession* by the minister. The movement of the children is bound to distract attention to some extent. The reality of the note of confession is one of the acid tests of the service, and it will be found that the choir can recall wandering thoughts more quickly than the minister can.

Call to Confession—This is always Scriptural, usually a direct appeal to the people, although in some instances it may be a description of the needs and blessings of repentance.

Prayer of Humility—These are unison prayers, in the main from modern sources. The older prayers on the subject are apt to have a note of groveling fear, inconsistent with our Christian thought. The "Amen" may be congregational or choral as preferred. If a prayer for pardon or absolution is desired it can be given by the minister following the *Prayer of Humility*.

Scripture Reading—This can be a single reading, or if two lessons are preferred they can both be given at this point, connected by a Gradual by the choir if desired. In some churches where only one *Scripture Reading* is used the procedure is as follows: the minister announces the location of the reading; the choir chants the first part of the *Gloria Tibi*; the Lesson is read; the minister says, "Here endeth the Lesson, and may God add his blessing to the reading of his Word"; and the choir chants the last part of the *Gloria Tibi*.

This is the historic location of the *Scripture Reading*. It is the point in the service where the turn is made from humility to assurance, and the old feeling was right, that the Scriptures offer the surest footing from which to begin the climb reaching from the self-abasement of confession to the confidence of belief and prayer. Obviously the selection or selections should sound the notes of faith and inspiration. In liturgical churches the Lessons are appointed for the various Sundays of the

church year, with no regard for sermon themes. If a particular sermon needs some Scripture Lesson which is not abounding in confidence, it will usually be better to take a portion of the sermon time to make the desired connection rather than to lower the note of assurance in the regular lesson.

Confession of Faith — The services provide *Confessions of Faith* of considerable variety. They are based on the realities of Christian experience where most people agree, rather than on theological interpretation where many people differ. No attempt has been made to attain either the authority or completeness of creedal standards, and these statements should not be judged as "creeds" in any technical sense. They are merely assertions of conviction based on common experiences. Other creeds or statements of faith may be substituted in place of the suggested material when desired. If a denominational creed is desired this may be printed and pasted on the inside cover of this book. Some churches may prefer to have the people stand during the *Confession of Faith*. The introductory sentence serves a double purpose. It makes the authority of Christ the starting point of each confession, and also focuses the attention of the congregation.

Prayers of Petition and Intercession — Another choice is possible here. One or more of these prayers can be used, or they can all be omitted, in which case the *Choir* number will follow immediately the *Confession of Faith*. If they are omitted, however, the people have little or no part in making definite requests, as the rest of the service necessarily deals largely in generalities. Prayer is also presented here in its proper form, for ideally the one who offers a prayer should never be the one to say the "Amen." In some churches it is customary to have the organ played very softly during these prayers.

The introductory sentences preceding these prayers furnish a natural transition from assurance expressed in statements of conviction to assurance assumed in the act of prayer.

The prayers follow a rather definite cycle. One, usually the first, is for some interest considerably broader than the local parish. One prayer usually remembers the needs of sorrow and sickness. Another prayer is for some special object such as our country, the church, the President. The closing prayer is usually a petition for inspiration and consistent living.

Choir — This is the place in the service where contrast of some sort is most essential, and the choir has the best opportunity to contribute its ministry of music.

Pastoral Prayer — No amount of liturgy can destroy the value of free prayer. Not all free prayer is good, but it has an opportunity nothing else can rival. A *Pastoral Prayer* in the midst of a liturgy will naturally be somewhat different from one unassociated with ritual. It need not be long, for it is not the only prayer in the service; it need not be comprehensive, as the various notes of praise, confession, assurance and petition have already been sounded. Furthermore, it should be prayer of a high literary and spiritual value, otherwise the contrast between the free prayer and the liturgical prayer will be unfortunate. It presents a distinct challenge for more prayer and care concerning prayer. The question of whether the *Pastoral Prayer* shall close with the *Lord's Prayer* and a *Choir Response* is optional.

The Hymn of Assurance is the musical expression of congregational confidence, after the facts of sin and weakness have been honestly faced, and assurance of pardon and power has been gained.

The Prayer of Dedication for the Offering — The service of dedication begins at this point and continues through the *Gloria*. The thought of this prayer offered in advance is that the offering may be acceptable and used for worthy purposes. Its effectiveness will be increased if those who are to take the offering will come forward during the singing of the last stanza of the preceding hymn and stand in front of the pulpit or altar while the minister offers this prayer.

The Offertory Music will come during the taking of the offering, and may be either organ or choral music. The notes of confidence and consecration are the most appropriate. The more impersonal this music is the better it will be. If there is to be an organ solo this is the best place for it; if there is to be a vocal solo, this is the worst location possible.

Doxology — Sentences and Prayer of Dedication — Gloria — These constitute a service of personal reconsecration. Worship is ineffectual which does not raise the question, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" Two of the most distinctive elements of Protestantism have been the emphasis placed on social service, and the moral passion for reform, based on personal liberties and experience. This should be the climax of the liturgical part of the service. It is a condensed drama of the greatest contribution of Protestant history to the world. When the congregation rises to sing the *Doxology*, pledges itself anew to the service of God and men, and closes with the *Gloria* it has made a supreme appeal to the emotions of faith directed toward personal enlistment under the banner of the cross. It is our closest approach to the spiritual fervor of the Catholic at the elevation of the host. It will be more effective if those

who take the offering return to the pulpit or altar during the singing of the *Doxology*, and remain standing through the *Gloria*, after which the organ should cover their return and the entrance of the minister into the pulpit.

The Sermon — The movement toward ritual is in no sense a movement away from the sermon. The pulpit is the preacher's throne; the sermon his supreme opportunity and responsibility. For that reason the spoken word deserves the best possible background and most effective setting. The more impressive ritual is, the more inspirational the sermon can be; for it can then make its appeal to minds, hearts and souls already brought into worshipful moods. This is especially important today when most churches prefer sermons considerably briefer than were formerly expected. With a successful ritualistic foundation the sermon need spend little or no time in creating devotional atmosphere and almost immediately can present the vital part of its message. In many churches the minister closes the sermon with a short prayer and the choir answers with the three-fold or seven-fold "Amen" or other appropriate response.

Hymn of Peace — It is not necessary that this hymn should always express the note of peace but ordinarily that seems the most appropriate thought for the closing hymn and *Benediction*. The question of whether this shall be a recessional is the same problem stated for the *Hymn of Praise*, except that if so used it will be the last stanza, during which the people are seated and silent.

Silent Prayer and Benediction — Silence has a worship value which few realize. The length of the period is entirely governed by the minister as it continues until he begins the *Benediction*. These moments of silence and the rising of the congregation for the *Doxology* will often be the two most impressive parts of the service. If the people offer individual silent prayers at this point, the worship experience has been real and vital. Chimes or soft organ music may follow the *Benediction*, merging into the *Organ Postlude*.

Orders of Worship for the Church Year. Services 16 to 31 — With a few exceptions these services follow the same order as the first fifteen orders of worship, and the explanatory suggestions offered there apply here with equal force.

Brief Orders of Worship. Services 32 to 34 — These follow the same order of development as the other services but in condensed form. The notes of praise and confession are combined in the congregational prayer,

thus eliminating the service of confession as a distinct portion. The *Prayers of Petition* and *Confession of Faith* are omitted. The *Sentences* and *Prayer of Dedication* are replaced by a short ministerial prayer. These briefer orders of worship may be found more acceptable for summer Sundays, or for any Sunday when the presentation of some special cause needs more time than is usually available.

Orders of Worship for Evensong. Services 35 to 42 — The evensong orders of worship are for use at either a vesper or evening service. These have been planned to make fewer demands on the congregation, and to give more emphasis to the musical parts. By omitting some of the musical numbers, however, as much time can be left for the sermon as in the morning service if desired.

There are two main points of difference between the evensong services and the general orders of worship. Under the heading *Service of Praise*, Scriptural sentences have been provided which can be used as in the morning service, or a Service of Praise can be given by the choir, or the minister and choir. The material which in the morning service is called *Prayers of Petition and Intercession*, is called *Service of Prayer* in the evensong services, and is to be given by the minister and choir. There are four prayers under this heading. In some churches the choir responds with a single "Amen" after the first two prayers, using the two-fold "Amen" after the third, and the three-fold "Amen" after the fourth prayer; or the people may respond with the "Amen" after the first three prayers.

General Suggestions — The organist can be of great help in binding together the various elements of a service with soft music, thus giving the feeling of a continuous worship experience rather than the impression of detached numbers of a program. The number of the service to be used, and the numbers, and if possible the stanzas, of the hymns, should be posted on hymn-boards or printed in the church bulletin to avoid the necessity of making these announcements. No place has been left for the announcements of church activities. In churches without a weekly bulletin this may be necessary, but whenever it can be dispensed with the worship atmosphere will be more easily sustained. Printing the words of the choir numbers will be found helpful.

A beautiful order of worship can be spoiled by careless usage. The prayers and responses should be read with deep feeling and correct emphasis. The leader of worship should brood over the prayers and

responses until they become thoroughly his own. If the members of the congregation will share in this brooding experience it will add profoundly to the spiritual power of worship. This makes it desirable to have copies of this *Book of Worship* in the homes, and an announcement in the church bulletin of the service to be used the following Sunday. It is possible that in many homes this may make some form of family worship more probable, at least once a week. It is strongly urged that these services shall not be read so rapidly that it is impossible for the people to keep in unison or to give thought to the meaning.

Different churches although following the same order of service, will still find latitude to express their individual preferences in worship. The use of organ, choir, responses, pastoral prayer and sermon can be so varied that the same general order can serve the tastes, needs and resources of different congregations. A common order of service can still leave room for nonconformity.

**Orders of Worship
for Morning or Evening**

Order of Worship

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

People — I will give thee thanks in the great congregation; I will praise thee among much people.

Minister — O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

People — O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

Minister — The glory of the Lord shall endure forever; the Lord shall rejoice in all his works.

People — We will sing unto the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises unto God while we have any being.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

O thou great Father of us all, we rejoice that at last we know thee. All our soul within us is glad, because we need no longer cringe before thee as slaves of holy fear, seeking to appease thine anger by sacrifice and self-inflicted pain, but may come like little children, trustful and happy to the God of love. Thou art the only true Father, and all the tender beauty of our human loves is the reflected radiance

of thy lovingkindness, like the moonlight from the sunlight, and testifies to the eternal passion that kindled it. Grant that the faith in thy fatherhood may shine through all our life with such persuasive beauty, that some who still creep in the dusk of fear may stand erect as free sons of God, and that others who now, through unbelief, are living as orphans in an empty world, may stretch out their hands to the great Father of their spirits, and find thee near. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Grant, O most merciful Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — To us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things and we unto him.

And one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him; who was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, preached among nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

And one Spirit of Truth, proceeding from the Father, bearing witness of Christ, guiding us unto all truth, declaring

unto us the things that are to come, bearing witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Having fruit in all goodness, righteousness and truth.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

People — Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

People — Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts keep this law.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast revealed thy glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the word of his truth; keep, we beseech thee, in safety the works of thy mercy, that so thy Church spread throughout all nations, may serve thee in true faith and persevere in the confession of thy name, through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — O God, who by thy providence didst lead our forefathers to this land, wherein they found refuge from oppression and freedom to worship thee; we beseech thee, ever to guide our nation in the way of thy truth and peace, so that we may never fail in the blessing thou hast promised to that people whose God is the Lord; through Jesus Christ thy Son.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Almighty and Everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak, may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto thee, graciously come before thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive

manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ thy Son.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Almighty and Everlasting God, most heartily we beseech thee to bless and govern the children, by thy Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of thy word; protect and defend them against all danger and harm, giving thy holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (e) **Minister** — O God, the Protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon thy mercy; that thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — To do good and distribute forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

People — Let every man do according as he is disposed in

his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Minister — A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you.

People — By this shall men know that we are his disciples, if we love one another.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

We thank thee that our little strength can help in building a world of righteousness. Grant that we may never hesitate in the presence of opportunity because it is great, or despise it because it is small. Whatsoever our hands find to do, may we do it with our might, as service acceptable in thy sight; which is our reasonable offering to our fellows and our Father which art in heaven. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

People — Praise ye him, all his angels; praise ye him, all his host.

Minister — Praise ye him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light.

People — Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Minister — Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

People — Let them praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above the earth and the heavens.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

O God, our Creator, our King, and our Father, we offer unto thee our gladsome alleluias, for thou art worthy to receive the praise and worship of all thy creatures. Hallow this place with thy presence, and give unto us the consciousness that thou art near. Banish from our thoughts all worldly cares, all selfish desires, and help us to fix our minds upon

thee. We thank thee that thou art ever calling us to higher things. We rejoice that we are in thy hands, and although we know not the future, we know that the future can bring us still nearer to thyself, if we put our trust in thee. And to thy name shall be the praise and glory forever. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord, your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O God, forgive us for feeding upon the husks, when there is enough and to spare in our Father's house. Pardon us for living in the slums of darkened life, when the sun-kissed fields of beauty are ours to tread. Too often have we labored, restricted by poverty of spirit; while the riches of eternity were credited to our account. Mercifully overlook our spiritual stupidity when we are mere servants, not knowing what our Lord doeth; and lead us to the intimacies of friendship, in the liberties wherewith thou hast made us free. As we supplement our physical limitations with the forces of nature, so may we strengthen our inner lives with thy power and love. Thy mercy and forgiveness are beyond our ability to measure or define, but we pray for their continuance and trust in their saving grace. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe that God is a Spirit and that they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

We believe that God is Light and if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another; and

truly our fellowship in the Spirit is with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ.

We believe that God is Power, and that they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

We believe that God is love and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God; and we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — O Lord, make us epistles of thine according to thy will, and write the nobler messages of life upon the tablets of our hearts. May no act of sin, no cloud of shame, dim that message glorious from our own eyes or hide it from the gaze of our fellow men. May the influence of our lives be a wordless message of the power of thy Spirit, to enable thy children to do better than their unaided best.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — O thou who dwellest in heaven, mercifully regard thy sorrowful and afflicted children upon earth, we beseech thee. Draw near to these with the comfort of thy love, and sustain them by the right hand of thy power. Grant us a heart to sympathize with them in their distress, and give us both the opportunity and the will to help those who are in any trouble, for Jesus Christ's sake.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who dost behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee to behold with thy favor the President and Congress of the United States; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit that they may incline

to do thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plentifully with heavenly gifts, that they may be enabled to promote the national prosperity and to secure the peace, liberty and safety of the United States throughout all generations.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Brethren, I beseech you that ye walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

People — We would be doers of the word and not hearers only.

Minister — Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

People — For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Give me clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts; help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong; save me from habits that harm; teach me to work as hard and play as fair in thy sight alone, as if all the world saw; forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me; keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself; send me chances to do a little good every day and to grow more like Christ. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — *(If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza)*

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — *(By the Minister or Minister and Choir)*

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth.

People — Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.

Minister — Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

People — For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised, he is to be feared above all gods.

Minister — Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

People — Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar and the fullness thereof.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — *(All uniting)*

O Lord, bountiful and compassionate, thou art great and doest wonders. Thou alone art God and there is none like unto thee. Fill our mouths with thy praise, that we may magnify thy name. The Lord is King and hath put on glorious apparel, the Lord hath put on his apparel and girdeth himself with strength. Let all creation bless the Lord. For thou art the King of Peace and the Saviour of our Souls, and unto thee we ascribe glory, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

For the ways of the Lord are right, and the righteous shall walk in them; but transgressors shall stumble therein. Come and let us return unto the Lord; as soon as we seek him we shall find him. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, too often we have the weakness of childhood, without its trustfulness and its sense of eager quest. Forgive us for dullness of spirit, the harsh word, the unkind act. We have been too proud at times, in the midst of achievement, and have forgotten to acknowledge our indebtedness to thee and our fellow men. We have been too intolerant of others' standards and too sure of our own opinions. May nothing that we do or say injure the self-respect of other lives. Give us, we pray thee, the humility of spirit to see our needs and shortcomings, and gratefully to accept thy mercy and assistance. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the imminence of God as seen in the heart of a flower, the glory of a sunset, the beauty of a useful life; and in the transcendence of God; that he is more than the sum of his works, our Father who art in Heaven.

We believe that the punishments of life are not the frown of an angry Deity, but the admonitions of a loving Father; and that the sorrows of life are but broken lights of a providence, which some day we shall understand.

We believe in work, in its essential dignity, in its inner joy, in its discipline to lead us closer to truth and God; and in recreation as a refreshment of body, mind and soul, to send us back to life's serious opportunities, cleaner and stronger. We believe in the ideals of Christianity, in the practicability of its program, in the ultimate triumph of its principles. We

believe in the needlessness of things that ought not to be, and in the possibility of those things that should be.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him.

People — God is a refuge for us.

Minister — God be merciful unto us and bless us;

People — And cause his face to shine upon us.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — O thou Spirit of pure love, be merciful to those who are dear to us, wherever they may be. Comfort all those who sorrow, lift up those that are cast down. Give strength to those that are heavily burdened and extend throughout all the earth the knowledge of thyself, that thy kingdom of peace and righteousness may everywhere prevail.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Almighty and eternal God, breathe into our souls thy peace, that, as we seek knowledge, we may not turn away from thee, thou source of all wisdom. Forbid that we should study the movements of human history and not perceive in thee the power that makes history. Forbid that we should not perceive from day to day thy fatherly care and goodness.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — O God, our Father everlasting, bind us not only more closely to each other, but to thyself. May we never lose sight of those higher ideals which have been given to us, and each day may we walk in the light of the heavenly vision that has passed before us, that we may be mindful of our high calling in Jesus Christ, our Lord; and to thy name shall be the praise forever.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — O Eternal God, may thy Spirit prompt us to ask those things which are pleasing in thy sight, and may thy Spirit interpret those desires which we cannot

express, for thou knowest us altogether. May we in sincerity and truth open our hearts to thee, that thy life may be our life, so that we shall choose the things thou choosest, love the things thou lovest, and hate the things thou hatest.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Be ye kind one to another, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

People — As we have opportunity let us do good unto all men.

Minister — Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

People — Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised; and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, help us to crown this hour of worship with the dedication of ourselves. May we do good as we have opportunity unto all men, that we may show forth the Father's love. When doubts prevail, temptations assail or the sun seems

hidden behind the clouds, help us to understand that the surest refuge is to share another's burden. When our hands are full of life's most precious gifts, may we know that the only way to keep them from turning to ashes within our grasp, is to make them useful in the coming of thy kingdom.
Amen.

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

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HYMN OF PRAISE * — *(If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza)*

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — *(By the Minister or Minister and Choir)*

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of his power.

People — Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Minister — Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and harp.

People — Praise him with the timbrel and dance, praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Minister — Praise him upon the loud cymbals; praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

People — Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — *(All uniting)*

Almighty and Everlasting God, we come to thee. We were made by thee; we come to our Creator. We are sustained and blessed by thee; we come to our Preserver and Benefactor. We are taught and led by thee; we come to our Teacher and Good Shepherd. By searching we cannot find thee out unto perfection, but thou dost find us out in our moments of humble prayer and obedience. Open now the sanctuary within our souls to receive thee. Inspire our wor-

ship. Hallow our penitence and make it real. Sanctify our resolutions and make them strong, according to thy loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, let not weakness have dominion over us. Forgive us for all selfish refusals to make the adjustments necessary for family and social happiness. May we love, even as we have been loved, and pardon all who have offended against us. Forgive us that the pride of knowledge sometimes chills the warmth of faith and prayer. Give us a greater love for honesty than for victory. Pardon us when opposition arouses resentment and retaliation. May the same mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus, our Lord. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the ladder that reaches from earth to heaven, and in spiritual presences which ascend and descend thereon; in the weakness of human nature when it tries to walk alone, and in its conquering power when it walks hand in hand with God.

We believe in the beauty of unselfishness; that he who would save his life shall lose it; that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and in treasures where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt. We believe that success is never justified at the cost of evil practices, that character is king and righteousness the king's highway.

We believe in the immortal destiny of the human soul, in the essential goodness of life and in the everlasting Fatherhood of the Lord, our God.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People — And grant us thy salvation.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — O God, remember all such as feel no need of thee, who seem content with a careless, unexamined life, whose hearts are unvisited by desires of better things. Leave them not to themselves, but startle them with thy call, awaken them with thy light, brood upon their spirits until they stir to greet thee.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — Eternal Father, hear our common prayer for all who are beshadowed by sorrow, tormented by temptation, or baffled by perplexity. May our helplessness be thy opportunity, and our deep need thy open door. Lord, we ask not for escape but for inspiration; not that our burdens be lifted, but that we be made strong to bear them. Reverently we wait upon thee — move upon our spirits like a soft wind from a summer land. In His name.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — O Thou, who hast founded a Church and hast promised to dwell in it forever; enlighten and sanctify it, we beseech thee, by thy Word and Spirit. Endue all ministers with thy grace. Bless all who serve thee in the rule of thy Church, in the ministry of thy praise, and in the teaching of the young. Strengthen them in their labors, give them courage to witness a good confession; and cause thy Church to increase more and more.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Our God and Father, may prayer be to us more and more the knowledge of thy will, the waiting on thy behests and fellowship of thy love. Lead us by thy grace this day up the spiritual stairway of life, to

the heights where thou art seen in thy holiness, and felt in thy grace and known in thy power. Give unto us a loving and a friendly manner of behavior; and to the joy of labor add a serene sense that it is not in vain. Grant unto thy servants joy in all our deeds and days; wisdom for the work; peace for the pathway; friends for the fireside, and love to the last.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Then one of them asked Jesus a question, saying,
Which is the great commandment in the law?

People — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

Minister — And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

People — On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

O thou who desirest of thy grace to make a home in our poor hearts, we thank thee for the assurance of thy love in the birth of thy Son, who was called Immanuel. Let the experi-

ence of thy love kindle our hearts' affection toward the wide brotherhood of humanity. Teach us to be faithful in all human relations, loyal to the work thou hast assigned us, well assured that thou art leading in the way. So let thy kingdom come and the Christ-like life be born in us for the help of the world. In His name. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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HYMN OF PRAISE * — *(If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza)*

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — *(By the Minister or Minister and Choir)*

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

People — While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Minister — Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant and praise is comely.

People — Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Minister — Praise ye him all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

People — Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of the saints.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — *(All uniting)*

We thank thee for all thy mercies unto us during the past week, for the preservation of our lives, health and strength, for the blessings of home, love, friendship, and for all other good influences which support us in the hour of trial and temptation. Thou sendest the joys that brighten our days; from thy hand also come the sorrows that cast their shadows over them. Thou alone knowest and orderest all things well, whether thou grantest our petitions or deniest them. When

we render thee our homage, may we remember that only by obedience to thy commandments, by faithfulness to our duties, by the goodness of our deeds, can we make our worship acceptable to thee. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Thus saith the Lord, If my people shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

We come unto thee, O God, our Father, with hearts troubled by the memory and the burden of our offenses: of that which we ought to have done, but have not done; of that which we ought to have felt, but have not felt; of that which we ought to have spoken, but have not spoken. Of all those things remembered and forgotten, we repent and turn to thee. Graciously forgive us and strengthen our hearts, that we may walk steadfastly and uprightly before thee all our days, and in the love and service of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. We believe that Christ is the Way and the Truth and the Life. We believe in the clean heart, the unworldly life and the service of love which Jesus taught and exemplified. We accept his spirit and his teachings and seek to carry forward his unfinished work.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

People — Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

People — Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — O God, the Strength of the weak, the Refuge of the sorrowful, we pray thee to have compassion on those who are worn with toil; to defend and cherish all little children; to bless and support all aged persons; to protect all who travel by land or sea; to comfort those who are suffering in body or mind; to deliver the tempted and to bring back all who have wandered from thy way; to save the sinful and to receive the spirits of the dying.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Most Merciful Father, give us wisdom and the dedication of greater resources to minister to all forms of social need. As such relief becomes increasingly scientific and efficient, may it not lose in the spirit of brotherly love and Christian purpose. Bless all who dedicate their lives to such service, give them knowledge, sympathy, consecration and the will to help others to help themselves. May we support them in their labors, and seek to eradicate the causes that have thrown the burden of preventable suffering, poverty and maladjustment upon the conscience of a Christian world.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — O God, we pray for the good estate of this our beloved land, that it may please thee to preserve to us the blessings of an equal and impartial freedom. Unite in mutual understanding men of alien race and faith; revive in all hearts a spirit of devotion to the public good. Enable us, and all thy people, faithfully to dis-

charge the duties of our different spheres, that the kingdom of brotherhood and peace may be hastened upon the earth and thy will be done even as it is done in heaven.

People — Amen.

(d) **Minister** — Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may read thy newer Word in the issues, events, and vast upheavals of our time, that, seeing thy footsteps we may follow and obey. None of us are content with what we have read; none are satisfied with what we have become. Speak, Lord, to thy people a new and living Word, whose music shall touch with hope and joy each secret sorrow of earth; and to thy glory shall be praise, in the name of Christ the Lord, thy Word made flesh.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Be ye epistles of the Lord, seen and read of all men.

People — Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

Minister — Ye are laborers together with God; it is God that giveth the increase.

People — As every man hath received the gift, even so let us

minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifest grace of God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, wilt thou go with us into each duty and opportunity of the day, and give us the needful wisdom and strength. May we so live, that we no longer live, save as Christ liveth in us. May our conversation be uplifting, our activities worth while, our examples safe to follow, our influence a benediction. Bless us, our Father, that we may be a blessing to others. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness; and will sing praise unto the name of the Lord most high.

People — O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who has set thy glory above the heavens.

Minister — I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works.

People — The Lord is King forever and ever.

Minister — I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praises unto thy name, O thou most high.

People — We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast manifest thy purpose of love toward us by countless blessings, and who hast crowned them with the unspeakable gift of our Saviour, Jesus Christ; kindle in our souls the spirit of praise and thanksgiving at the remembrance of thy goodness. We thank thee for the beauty of the world, and for the voices of melody that lift our hearts to thee. Grant that the songs of

praise which we here render may thrill us with the consciousness that we are one with those who serve thee day and night in thy temple on high, and fit us more and more for that joyous and eternal fellowship; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Our iniquities have separated between us and our God, we have transgressed and have rebelled, and our sins have hid his face from us. Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts with our hands unto God in the heavens. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Most gracious God, we grieve that so often we wander from thy ways and stand in need of thy forgiveness. Cleanse us from the undue love of pleasure or of gain, and save us from being conquered by outward things. Deliver us from all self-indulgence and from that self-sufficiency which isolates us from thee, and shuts us out from the communion of all simple and loving hearts. Merciful Father, whose Life is Love, whose Will is Right, we pray for strength to cease to do evil, to learn to do well; for grace to keep clean and generous hearts, and to live dutiful and blameless lives. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the inner urge for righteousness; in God who was, who is and who evermore shall be; and that man was made in the image of God and has the capacity to enjoy him forever.

We believe in morality and honesty, as the standards of noble living; in the aristocracy of energy, brains, and character, and in heart strings that can vibrate to the breath of thy Spirit.

We believe in the possibility of the return of the prodigal to his Father's home and of his welcome there; in regeneration and the second birth, as a surrender of self to higher powers and the dominant emergence of nobler qualities. We believe in the immortality of the human soul when it has been immersed in the water of the river of life, and that man should walk with his feet upon the earth and his head among the stars, that human need may have the saving benefits of celestial forces. Our hope is in God.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — Eternal Father, we pray thee for the young children, that their tender lives may be precious in thy sight, and that, by their godly up-bringing, they may be fitted for usefulness in this world, and for glory in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — O Lord, our Heavenly Father, bless and keep, we pray thee, our kindred, friends and benefactors, and graciously watch between them and us while we are absent one from another, that in due time we may meet again to praise thee, and hereafter dwell together, through Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — O God, who has supported us in work, be with us also in our times of rest and pleasure. Let us not wish to go where we cannot desire thy presence with us, to do what we know thou canst not approve, nor to hear that which offends against thy law of purity and truth. Make rest effectual for better work, and give us in our quiet and unhurried hours more intimate communion with thy Holy Spirit; and thine shall be the praise for strength to work and opportunities of rest.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — Eternal God, enable us to carry out from this place the peace and strength that here we gain, to take into our homes a kinder spirit, a new thoughtfulness; that we may brighten sadness, heal the sick and make happiness to abound. Because we have walked here awhile with thee may we be able to walk more patiently with man. Send us forth with love for the fallen, hope for the despairing, strength to impart to the weak and the wayward; and carry on through us the work thou didst commence in thy Son, our Brother Man and Saviour God.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

People — May we be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

Minister — Distributing to necessity, given to hospitality.

People — If it be possible, as much as lieth in us, may we live peaceably with all men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, wilt thou give us each day something to do for others, a kindly word to speak, a helpful service to render.

May we ever remember that time is given unto us that we may use it for thee. Help us to dwell in the spirit of unity, which is the bond of perfection. Grant that by our thoughts and deeds we may bespeak the character of him who came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

People — We will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercies; and in thy fear will we worship toward thy holy temple.

Minister — O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

People — O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister — Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

People — For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, we praise thee for the spark of divinity within each one of us, which makes us akin to thee. Thou hast made us heirs and joint heirs of eternity, and children of the highest. O thou Creator and Preserver of life, thou Healer of wasted bodies and sin-sick souls, thou Giver of hope and strength; we would sing of thy lovingkindness, which is ever of old. Without thee we are but broken lights, kings without a kingdom, exiles without a home. Attune our wills to thy

will, that our lives may ring true and find their places amid the evening chimes that peal the glory of a day spent with thee. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Woe is me, because I am a man of unclean lips. And he said, Lo, this coal from off the altar hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away and thy sin is purged. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, keep thyself present to us always, and teach us to come to thee by the One and Living Way, thy Son, Jesus Christ. Keep us humble and gentle, self-denying, firm and patient, active, wise to know thy will and discern the truth; loving, that we may learn to resemble thee and our Saviour. O Lord, forgive us all our sins, and save, guide and strengthen us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the harmonies of life, that discords come through our mistakes and sins; and in the gospel of the open door, that fairer fields and broader horizons are awaiting adventurous souls.

We believe in the abiding Christ who stands at the door and knocks; and in the gradual triumph of Christian principles in government, industry, society and international relations. We believe in the abiding Christ who stands at the door and the ability of man to understand more of his laws and purposes; and that our Heavenly Father is abundantly able to meet our needs and necessities, our joys and our sorrows.

We believe in the glory of the commonplace, that every home should be a palace and every heart a throne; that in both the darkness and the light the King of Kings keepeth watch above his own.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Peace be with you,

People — And with all people.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — Eternal God, make us citizens of thy kingdom, men of invincible good will, builders of a world where righteousness shall reign, and the law of love shall triumph over hate and strife. Make a new beginning in our hearts, and in the troubled heart of humanity; mingle the peoples of the earth in an alchemy of friendship, and with the breath of thy Spirit create in us a new mind.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — Father of all mercies, we implore thy tender compassion for all thy children who are in trouble and distress. Relieve the suffering; heal the sick; protect the friendless; comfort the bereaved; sanctify and support the dying. Be near to all such known to us, whom we name in our hearts; — and grant unto them abundant consolation and the peace which passeth understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — O thou Fount of Wisdom, we pray for our schools and colleges. May all students value the sacred privilege of being led unto the secrets and beauties of life hidden from the ignorant and indifferent. Make all teachers and administrators feel the solemn responsibility of moulding the youth of our land, who tomorrow will shape her destinies. Grant that all learning may draw us nearer to the God of truth and never away from him, and that it may ever be consecrated to humanity, our country and the highest development of self.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — O God, most holy, wise and powerful Preserver and Governor of all thy creatures and all their actions; keep us, we beseech thee, in health of body and soundness of mind, in purity of heart and cheerfulness

of spirit, in contentment with our lot and charity with our neighbor; and further all our lawful undertakings with thy blessing. In our labor sustain us; in our pleasure purify us; in our difficulties direct us; in our perils defend us; in our troubles comfort us; and supply all our needs according to the riches of thy grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*Read responsively*)

Minister — If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee,

People — Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Minister — Jesus said, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? And Peter answered, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.

People — Jesus said, Feed my sheep.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father in Heaven, assist us to remember that the forms of worship are like sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal, unless rendered in the spirit of love. Help us to know more

fully, that if we love not our brother whom we have seen, it is impossible to love God whom we have not seen. May our offerings come from hearts overflowing with love and consecrated in spirit. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People — The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Minister — O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People — Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

Minister — According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

People — For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

Father of life, and God of the living, we bless thee for everything around us which ministers thee to our minds; for the greatness and glory of nature, for the history of our race, and the lives of noble men; for the thoughts of thee expressed in human words, in the art of painters and musicians, in the work of builders and craftsmen. We bless thee for the con-

stant memories of what we are that rise within ourselves; for the pressure of duty, the hush of solemn thoughts, for moments of insight when the veil on the face of all things falls away, for hours of high resolve when life is quickened within, for seasons of communion when, earth and sense forgotten, heaven holds our silent spirits raptured and aflame. Glory be to thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Come let us return unto the Lord; and he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, save us from the spiritual barriers of proud and self-sufficient lives. Give us, we pray thee, humble spirits; that we may feel our shortcomings and acknowledge them before thee. We have let sickness have unnecessary power to limit our courage and our faith. We have too often accepted the material things of life as a substitute for its finer qualities. We have compromised with conscience for the sake of desire. We have allowed pleasure to rule in kingdoms where it does not belong. Too often have we served other gods and erected idol thrones within our hearts. Forgive us for these, our many weaknesses, that the joy of thy fellowship may not be taken from us. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the song of the heavens, the hand that made us is divine, and in the power of God as dimly seen through distances and forces measureless to man.

We believe in the goodness of God, in his pillar of fire by night and of cloud by day; in the love of God, as seen in human history and experience, and the gift of his best beloved

Son; in the fatherhood of God revealed in the care of all his children throughout the ages and across the boundaries of race, language and creed.

We believe in the salvation of God, in his provision for our every need, in his promised grace that shall be sufficient; and in the divine mercies, new every morning and fresh every evening. We believe in the Almighty Father, greater than our dreams, mightier than our imaginations, who will keep us in his holy keeping.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Our help is in the Lord,

People — Who made heaven and earth.

Minister — Lord hear our prayer.

People — And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Hasten the day, we pray thee, when the spirit of love and gladness shall fill the earth with shapes of purity and beauty, as of old it made the sky melodious with prophecy. Help forward the time when there shall be no more war, no more misery in our streets, because the laws of love have been searched out. Make our hearts a cradle of peace and good will toward men, in the name of Jesus.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — We beseech thee, Lord and Master, to be our help and succour. Save those who are in tribulation; have mercy on the lonely; lift up the fallen; show thyself unto the needy; heal the ungodly; feed the hungry; raise up the weak; comfort the faint-hearted. Let all the people know that thou art God alone, and Jesus Christ is thy Son, and we are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — O God, bless all the servants of the State, those who make and enforce our laws, the guardians of our public health and safety, our soldiers and our sailors.

Give them the inspiration of consecration to thee and to a great cause. Grant them the wisdom to see, the will to do and the ability to accomplish all things needful for us. May we be able to uphold their hands with confidence and loyalty. Help them to overcome every temptation of private gain or partisan narrowness and to be led of thee in all their ways.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three art gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

People — Love suffereth long and is kind, love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

Minister — Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

People — And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, we thank thee for the Master's picture of thy life in the immortal words, God is love. Teach us how impossible it is to find thee with hatred or selfishness within our hearts, and how inevitable fellowship is when love is permitted to lead the way. Show us anew how the chill of human suspicion, bitterness and unkindness, will warm to the love-note of friendliness. We would love even as we have been loved, and pledge our loyalty and service to thee, to each other, and to the great brotherhood of mankind. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the assembly of the saints.

People — Praise him with trumpet, praise him with psaltery, praise him with timbrel, praise him with cymbals, stringed instruments, pipe and organs.

Minister — I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

People — I will go unto the altar of God and upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

Minister — I led them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping holy day.

People — Sing praises unto our King, sing praises; for God is the King of all the earth.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, help us this morning to touch the keys of praise; that organ pipes of devotion within the soul may sing the songs of the Kingdom. May there be the deeper tones of abiding faith; the lighter notes of gladness and rejoicing; the chords of inner harmony; and the mystic presence that would speak to us of hidden things. Thou hast given us

our yesterdays; today is ours because thou art giving it; thou holdest our tomorrows within the hidden recesses of thy love. May our lives be lent to the Giver of All Good Gifts, and we be pillars within his temple, that abide and go no more out, praising him forever. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O God, whose name is great, whose goodness is inexhaustible, who art blessed forever; sanctify, O Lord, our souls, bodies and spirits, and touch our apprehensions, and search out our consciences, and cast out of us every motion of the flesh and spirit that is contrary to thy holy will; and grant us, O Lord the Lover of men, with freedom, with a pure heart and a contrite soul, without confusion of face, and with sanctified lips, boldly to call upon thee, our holy God and Father who art in heaven. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the fatherhood of God and in the brotherhood of man. We believe that Christ is the way and the truth and the life. We believe in the clean heart, the unworldly life, and the service of love that Jesus taught and exemplified. We accept his spirit and his teaching and dedicate ourselves to his unfinished work.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People — *Amen.*

Minister — I will go unto the altar of God.

People — Unto God our exceeding joy.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in the unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in body, mind, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — O God, Friend and Protector, hallow our friendships and make us more worthy of them. Help us so to live with our fellows that the deeper associations may be formed, which will double our joys and halve our griefs. Wilt thou so sanctify our relations one with another, that through each other we may be led to thee. Bless our friends, wherever they are, and may all our intimacies rest upon unselfish purpose and holy desire.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Lord of Life, we pray thee to build us up in thine own nurture in faith and faithfulness, in loyalty to the truth and in service to the ideal. Use our fleeting days to do thy will; make our hearts shrines of thy grace. Join our lives in the fellowship of the good life,

making our short days notes in an eternal melody. In the name of Jesus.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION * —

Minister — A certain man went down from Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

People — And by chance there came down a certain priest, and a Levite that way, and when they saw him, they passed by on the other side.

Minister — But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

People — Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor to him that fell among the thieves?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, open our eyes to human need. Give us a passion for usefulness. Make us Good Samaritans in the journey of life. Teach us how shallow our worship is if we pass by upon the other side. Accept, we pray thee, this our prayer of dedication offered to thee, and for the other children of thy household. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and
silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People
seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

People — Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving.

Minister — For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People — O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Minister — Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the peoples, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

People — O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

O Almighty God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication; deliver us when we draw nigh unto thee from coldness of heart and wandering of mind; that with steadfast thought and kindled affection we may worship thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, in this quiet hour of worship we feel the nearness of thy presence, and realize anew the ministries of thy love and power. Even in our greatest conquests over mind or matter, our part is very small, thy part is very great. Forgive us, we pray thee, for our rebellions and disloyalties, for the counterfeit offerings we often bring thee, in place of genuine thoughts and deeds. Forgive us for the hours when the Spirit sketches upon our hearts the outlines of kingdoms that might be won for thee, and our fingers are too busy with lesser cares to fill in the details of the pictures. Help us to feel thy pardoning power that the broken currents of communion may be restored. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the Church universal as a beloved and needed institution to bring men closer to God; and in the ideals of democracy as the political and social expression of the second commandment, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

We believe in patriotism as a holy passion and in the world-wide brotherhood of man, that peace and co-operation may replace war and bitterness. We believe in schools and colleges, that mental training may be an added power for the glory of God and the service of man.

We believe in social justice, that the Golden Rule may be the standard of all human relationships; and in the family as the world's highest expression of love. We believe in the Holy Bible as the supreme revelation of God and human destiny. We believe in God the Father, the source of all

mercies; in Jesus Christ his best beloved Son, guide and saviour of mankind; and in the Holy Spirit, as the emanation of Deity, which shall lead us into all truth.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — O Lord, save thy servants that put their trust in thee.

People — Send unto them help from above, and evermore mightily defend them.

Minister — O Lord, hear our prayer.

People — And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Lord, we know not what we ought to ask of thee; thou only knowest what we need; thou lovest us better than we know how to love ourselves. O Father, give to us, thy children, that which we ourselves know not how to ask. We would have no other desire than to accomplish thy will. Teach us to pray. Pray thyself in us; for Christ's sake.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — We beseech thee, thou lover of mankind, to bless all thy people, the flocks of thy fold. Give life to the souls of all, and let no sin prevail against us or any of thy people. Preserve us in our pilgrimage, grant that we may end our lives as Christians well pleasing to thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Almighty and everlasting God, grant to this parish and place in which we live, all things needful for their spiritual welfare. Strengthen and confirm the faithful, visit and relieve the sick, turn and soften the wicked, arouse the careless, recover the fallen, restore the penitent. Remove all hindrances, we beseech thee, to the advancement of thy truth, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind in Jesus Christ, to the honor and glory of thy name.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — O Lord God, who hast taught us to pray, hear now, O Lord, the prayers of thy servants unto their salvation, and give us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other.

People — Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Minister — Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.

People — But he that doeth the will of our Father which is in heaven.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Receive, O Lord, we pray thee, these our offerings which we render for the service of thy Church, and for the extension of thy kingdom, and accept with them our hearts and lives, which we desire to consecrate to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and
silent during last stanza*)SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People
seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Rejoice in the Lord, for praise is comely for the upright.

People — Praise the Lord with harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Minister — By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

People — Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

Minister — The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

People — Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our-

selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

The sacrifice of God is a humble spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, thou wilt not despise. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O God, forgive us for the frictions of sin that lessen the powers of life. Pardon us for the shortsightedness that will not look ahead; the nearsightedness that cannot see thee close at hand; the unfocused pictures that blur the outlines of divine reality. O thou great Gardener of Life, take more of the weeds from the garden of the soul. Forgive us for cringing in the hospitals of refuge, when we belong upon the firing line. Give us, we pray thee, four-dimensioned lives, that beyond the cubic measurements of the seen there may be the fourth dimension of the unseen. Grant that in this hour of worship we may lay up reserves of spiritual strength, to carry us safely through the tests of temptation, and enable us to answer the calls of opportunity. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting and inspiring the souls of men.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught

in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Peace be with you.

People — And with all people.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — O gracious Father, we thank thee for all the homes nestling among the hills, standing upon the plains, or crowded into city streets. Touch them, each one, with the beauty of human love and the halo of Christian faith, even as the setting sun makes their western windows a blaze of glory. May the hearth fire likewise be an altar fire. Bless all the children and mothers and fathers of this and every land, that together they may build a civilization well pleasing in thy sight, where thy will shall be done on earth even as it is done in heaven.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — O Lord of our lives, for our sick ones we intercede, that they may find healing as well as darkness in the shadow of thy hand. For those whose sun seems to have gone down while yet it is day; for such as have lost the kindly light of reason or have fallen into despair; for any passing through worldly adversity, and whose hearts are bitter; for such as have secret trials, and for whom the help of man is vain; for every home

where there are empty places and emptier hearts; that thou wouldest vouchsafe unto thy servants present help and a speedy and merciful deliverance from all their distresses.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Giver of all joy, our loving Heavenly Father, let our quiet times and hours of rest be filled with a delightful sense of thy presence and grant us help in times of pleasure that we may not offend against thy law of love. Renew our strength, quicken our faculties, that we may be better fitted for the work which thou hast given us to do. We thank thee for wayside mercies and the satisfactions and compensations of our work. In the name of Christ.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Eternal God, pour into our consciousness the sense of thy wonderful nearness to us. Reveal to our weakness and distress the power and the grace that are more than sufficient for us. May we see what we are, thy Spirit-born children linked by nature, love and choice to thy mighty being; and may the vision make all fears to fade, and a divine strength to pulse within.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

People — While we have time let us do good unto all men, and especially unto those who are of the household of faith.

Minister — Charge those who are rich in this world, that they may be ready to give and glad to distribute; laying up for themselves a good foundation against the time to come; that they may attain eternal life.

People — God is not unrighteous, that he will forget works and service that proceed from love, which have been showed for his name's sake, by those who have ministered and yet do minister.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, as we go out among men to do our work, make us, we pray thee, friends of all the world. Grant that we may look all men in the face with the eyes of a brother. If any one needs us, make us ready to yield our help ungrudgingly, unless higher duties claim us, and may we rejoice that we have it in us to be helpful to our fellow men.
Amen.

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

People — We took sweet counsel together and walked into the house of God in company.

Minister — O Lord, open thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

People — Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

Minister — I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing unto thee among the nations.

People — O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, thou art our God; we will exalt thee, we will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things. By the stars of heaven thou hast spoken; and in the heart of man thy voice is heard. Through thy Word thou hast given light; and in thy Son the brightness of thy glory is revealed. Lift up our hearts unto thee, O God, and receive our adoration; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, we acknowledge our failures and defeats; we humbly confess our errors and our sins; but forasmuch as thou delightest to show mercy, we beseech thee to pardon and absolve us, to deliver us from the burden of transgression, and to release us from the power of sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the fatherhood of God, in his creative and sustaining power; in the certainty of his promises, the honesty of his laws, the righteousness of his character, and the loving purpose of his designs.

We believe in the dignity and beauty of human life, created in the image of God and destined for holy things. We believe in purity of thought and action as the breath of health and righteousness; in loyalty as the crown of friendship and faith; and in the service of human need as the great proof of Christian knighthood.

We believe in the necessity of repentance, as a confession of our faults and sins before Almighty God and those whom we may have wronged; in the reality of forgiveness, as the restoration of broken spiritual fellowship; and in the salvation of souls, as the ultimate reunion of man and his Maker.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Lift up your hearts.

People — We will lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — O God, remember the whole creation, pity our race, and save the world from sin. Protect our land from whatever threatens her welfare, so that religion and virtue may flourish more and more. Give the spirit of wisdom and of godly fear to thy servant the President of the United States, and all who are in authority over us. Give humility to the rich and grace to use their riches to thy glory; bless the people in their callings and families, and be thou a refuge to the poor in their distress. Make every home a shelter from temptation and a nursery of noble youth; take also the homeless under thy protection. Cleanse and sanctify the Church which thou hast loved; and reveal the spirit of thy Son through the life and service of thy people. Enlighten all who are perplexed in faith, support those who are tempted, awaken those who sleep, comfort the afflicted, and encourage such as are ready to faint. Encompass with thy favor all whose lives thou hast bound up with our own, and if there be any who do us wrong, remove all bitterness from our hearts while we pray for thy blessing upon them. Give peace, O Lord, in our time, and unite all hearts in the love of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — O thou Creator of all things, we thank thee for the enlarging boundaries of knowledge, for a better understanding of the universe thou hast created and of the laws thou hast written into life. Help us to gain more of mental discipline, and a larger appreciation of the works of thy hand. Grant that we may love thee with our minds, accept the implications of all new truth, and feel that more of learning is a deeper fellowship with thee. Keep us mentally humble, and when thought reaches mysteries beyond which it cannot pass, may it abdicate its throne and allow love and faith to lead into ways beyond its reach or understanding.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — O God, waken our hearts to gratitude for mercies which have flowed upon us, day by day, in joy and sorrow, in health and sickness, in labor and repose. Give us grace to serve thee with our whole lives, that all manner of evil and darkness may be driven from our hearts, and that we may walk in joy in the way of thy commandment, to love thee with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom.

People — When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion, because they were as sheep having no shepherd.

Minister — Then said he unto his disciples, The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

People — We will pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send us forth as laborers into his harvest.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, help us to give to our fellows that kindness for which we have hungered from them and from thee. Give us, we

pray thee, the sympathy of the Master that when the blessed door of need opens, we may not pass by upon the other side. Make us more faithful reapers in that harvest, which shall add to human knowledge, joy, love and faith. Help us to glorify the hand of brotherhood with the resources and powers of consecration, that the Lord our God may be working through us and we be working with him. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Blessed be the Lord God, who only doeth wondrous things.

People — The Lord shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth.

Minister — The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice.

People — His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

Minister — He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

People — And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba; prayer also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, we praise thee for this sanctuary of worship; for the children baptized, the marriages solemnized, the communions celebrated, the sorrows comforted, the inspirations received. We praise thee for the homes from which we came; the mothers who loved, the fathers who cared. We praise thee for the memories of dear ones who have gone before,

and for confidence in the Eternal City where they abide. We praise thee for our children, the gift of thy grace, our pledge for the days to come. We worship thee as the God who knows, the Father who loves, the Creator who is all powerful. Open the portals of eternal vision, that earth may be radiant with its heavenly glow, and the shadows of darkness flee away. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Peradventure God will give us repentance, to the acknowledging of the truth, that we may release ourselves from the snare of evil. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, the sense of our shortcomings is quick within us and we seek thy pardon. But since we daily crave thy mercy on our weakness, help us to show mercy to those who have grieved or angered us, and to forgive them utterly. Suffer us not to cherish dark thoughts of resentment or revenge. So fill us with abounding love and peace that no ill will may be left in our hearts as we turn to our rest. Suffer us not to darken thy world by lovelessness, but give us the power of the sons of God to bring in the reign of love among men. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's Name let us make our Confession of Faith. — Blessed are the poor in spirit:

People — For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Minister — Blessed are they that mourn:

People — For they shall be comforted.

Minister — Blessed are the meek:

People — For they shall inherit the earth.

Minister — Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness:

People — For they shall be filled.

Minister — Blessed are the merciful:

People — For they shall obtain mercy.

Minister — Blessed are the pure in heart:

People — For they shall see God.

Minister — Blessed are the peacemakers:

People — For they shall be called sons of God.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Help us, O God of our salvation;

People — And for the glory of thy name deliver us.

Minister — O Lord, hear our prayer;

People — And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Hear us, O Lord, as we draw nigh to make intercession for others, and grant that our hearts may be filled with charity, peace and good will to all men. Remember, O God, the nations of the earth and all thy children everywhere.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — O Lord, we pray thee for the sick; restore them again to us in health and strength, if it be thy will. Sanctify to them even their suffering and distress. Direct the minds and hands that minister to their necessities. Grant that our anxieties on their account may make more evident the beauties of our human love and the glory of our immortal hope.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — O God, remember all who preach the gospel of Jesus Christ; for all missionaries, evangelists and teachers, and for all who are seeking and striving in other ways to bless their fellows and to build up the kingdom of God in the world, that they may be steadfast and faithful, and that their labors may not be in vain.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — O Lord from whom all good things do come; grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING * — (*By
the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

People — But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

Minister — And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

People — Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION * — (*All uniting*)

Help us, our Father, to build the powers of life upon right foundations. May we gain our material possessions through honest means, and dedicate them to unselfish purposes. Save us from the vanity of display, the softness of luxury, the worship of pleasure, the false pride of power. Give us the responsibilities of trusteeship, and help us to serve the fulfillment of thy dreams, and the nobler longings of our fellow men. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Lift up your hearts.

People — We will lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister — Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People — It is meet and right so to do.

Minister — It is very meet and right, our bounden duty and gracious privilege, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise unto thee. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying,

People — Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord, Most High. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

Thou Haunting Presence, amid so much that is fleeting, we bless thee for the things that endure, for the guidance of the great Hand in which we stand; for the Faith that grows, the Love that deepens, and the Hope that enfolds; for the Ideal that beckons us to a life of service; for the dear love of friends and comrades; and for the holy voices whispering

in our hearts. For the wonder of life and for its shadows, too, we humbly praise thee, knowing that thou leadest us in ways we know not, and that to follow is to learn why. Eternal Spirit, as flowers turn their faces to the sun, as rivers seek their freedom in the sea, so may our hearts turn to thee in the ancient adoring habit of our race. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Let us approach the throne of grace with humble hearts and with the spirit of confidence, for if we confess our sins he is righteous and just to forgive us our sins. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, forgive us for second-rate achievements; for the spiritual inertia which refuses the discipline of the best. Make us rulers in our own kingdoms; masters of the longings and passions of our souls. Keep us pure in heart that we may see thee. May we enter no walls that deaden thy voice, no valleys that shut off the sight of the eternal hills. May the supreme desire of life be to win the approval of the Lord our God, and to be acceptable in his sight. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Blessed be the Lord God,

People — Who hath not turned our prayer away, nor his mercy from us.

Minister — The Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

People — He is not far from any of us.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — O Lord, teach us how to pray; that we may ask for those things which it will be well-pleasing for thee to grant. Make our love as broad as the brotherhood of man, that we may include within the circle of our petitions, the needs and hopes of every race and land.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Our Father, help us to overcome every racial hatred; all false pride of caste or possession. May thy richest blessing rest with moving power upon all efforts to end the scourge of war. Grant that all inherited bitterness may be shamed and banished by the rising sun of a new era of friendliness. In the name of the martial heroes of yesterday, give us an equal heroism, to prepare ourselves to meet the acid tests of peace. May a new joy and confidence take possession of a suspicious and cynical world, that the Christ who lives for all may find the banner of his cross mightier than the flag of any nation.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Almighty and eternal God, be very merciful, we beseech thee, unto those that have been greatly afflicted. Fill with thy Spirit, abundantly, the vacant place which thy providence has caused in any heart, lifting up those that are cast down, strengthening those that are faint, teaching us to look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen and eternal. And to thy name shall be the praise and glory.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — O Lord, may we set our course by the chart of thy wisdom, to arrive at the anchorage of faith, within the harbor of thy love. May we glorify thee, by making the life of the Master the standard weight and measurement for judgment and action. Before the altar of thy

sanctuary may we leave our weaknesses and our doubts,
and bear away the priceless gifts of divine strength and
certainty.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the
Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — See that no one renders evil for evil unto any
man; but ever follow that which is good, both among
yourselves and to all men.

People — We know that we have passed from death unto
life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not
his brother abideth in death.

Minister — Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast,
unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord;
forasmuch as ye know that your labor in the Lord is
not in vain.

People — He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen,
how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All
uniting*)

O Lord, give unto us a loving and a friendly, a holy and a
useful manner of life; bearing the burdens of our neighbors,
denying ourselves, and studying to benefit others and to
please thee in all things. Grant us to be righteous in per-

forming promises, loving to our relatives, careful of our charges; to be gentle and easy to be entreated, slow to anger, and readily prepared for every good work. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — I will abide in thy tabernacle forever; I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

People — Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.

Minister — Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from him cometh my salvation.

People — All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name.

Minister — So will I sing praise unto thy name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.

People — Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

O God, thou Guide and Goal of the soul; something of thee is in all our songs of love, all brooding beauty, all thoughts and things that bless. When we look at the loveliness of the world, we face thee; when we clasp the hand of friendship, we touch thee. No little child comes running to us without bringing us something of thy love, nor tiny lowly flower blooms that does not reveal thee. When we love, we know thee, and in every true deed the light of thy face shines.

Eternal Father, in thy fellowship there is health and holiness and happiness; by thy love we have life and in thy grace is our salvation; we worship thy holy name. To thy loving-kindness, O God, we offer our prayer, in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, in the glory of thy presence, we feel anew that we have fallen short of the stature of the perfect man. Forgive our acid judgments of our fellows. Make us more critical of ourselves than of others. Help us to distinguish more clearly between the tares and the wheat, that we may uproot the one and cultivate the other. Pardon the proud and self-sufficient moods which remove thy help far from us. Teach us that only the humble soul can feel the saving nearness of the common Father of us all. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is and who is to come.

Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor, and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created.

Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the ages. Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy righteous acts have been made manifest.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon him;

People — To all that call upon him in truth.

Minister — He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him:

People — He will also hear their cry and will save them.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — O Lord, open our eyes that we may see and welcome all truth, whether shining from the annals of ancient revelations or reaching us through the seers of our time; for thou hidest not the light from any generation of thy children that feel after thee and seek thy guidance.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — May the time not be distant, O God, when thy name shall be worshipped in all the earth. We fervently pray that the day may come when corruption and evil shall give way to purity and goodness, when superstition shall no longer enslave the mind, nor idolatry blind the eye. O may all created in thine image, recognize that they are brethren, that they may be forever united before thee.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Fervently we invoke thy blessing upon our country. Let the glories of a just, righteous and God-fearing people increase from age to age. Enlighten with thy wisdom and sustain with thy power those whom the people have set in authority, the President, his counselors and advisers, the judges, law-givers and executives, and all those who are entrusted with our safety and with the guardianship of our rights and liberties. May peace and good will obtain among all the inhabitants of our land; may religion spread its blessings among us and exalt our nation in righteousness.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Thou who art the source of all good gifts, bless this congregation and be with all its members. Hear thou the prayers of all who would worship here,

comfort the sorrowing and cheer the silent sufferers. Bless those who guide and who serve this congregation and those who contribute to its support. Reward with the joy of goodness the charitable and the merciful who aid the poor, care for the sick, teach the ignorant, and extend a helping hand to those who have lost their way in the world.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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CHOIR RESPONSE.*

SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Then said one unto Jesus, Behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak to thee.

People — But he answered and said unto him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

Minister — And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren.

People — For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my mother, and sister and brother.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Help us, our Father, to reach out for brotherhood with the living Christ. May we know that this highest of all spiritual

relationships can be attained only through the spirit of worship, crowned with kindly deeds and Christian living. We would belong to the Master's family through the kinship of common ideals and the expression of similar purposes. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Orders of Worship for the Church Year

The Lord's Supper

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion:

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People — *Amen.*

Minister — The Lord is merciful and gracious, full of compassion and plenteous in mercy.

People — He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Minister — For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

People — As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Minister — What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

People — I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

Minister — I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

People — I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who dost call us to draw near to thee in Holy Communion, look graciously, we beseech thee, upon thy servants who seek thy grace in this most holy ordinance. Give unto us true and hearty sorrow for past sins, power to confess the same unto thee, grace to seek thy mercy and forgiveness, and an earnest desire to walk before thee in newness and holiness of life; and mercifully grant that we, with all those who shall come to thy holy table, may be filled with thy Spirit in the inner man; that drawing near with penitent hearts and lively faith, we may receive thy holy sacrament to our present and everlasting comfort; through thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS — (*By the Minister*)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto him; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

THE COMMANDMENTS —

Minister — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

Choir — Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Choir — Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you.

Choir — Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee. *Amen.*

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS — (*All uniting*)

O Almighty Lord and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the work of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting and inspiring the souls of men.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.

We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Remember, O Lord, thy Holy Church upon earth; increase and sanctify it more and more; reveal thy glory among all nations; and hasten the victory of thine eternal kingdom.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Remember, O Lord, our beloved country; bless our President and his advisors; give grace and guidance to those who rule over us; and establish us in righteousness.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Remember, O Lord, the sick and the suffering, the aged and the dying, and all who are in trouble and bereavement. Visit them with thy love and consolation, and grant them peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — We remember with thanksgiving the faithful and blessed departed and our beloved ones whom thou hast taken to thyself; beseeching thee to bring us with them to those things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir — *Amen.*

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

COVENANT OF THE CHURCH * — (*Read in unison by members of the church*)

We, the members of this church, welcome you with great joy into our fellowship and communion. We pledge to you our Christian brotherhood of mutual sympathy, help and prayer. God grant that, loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be pre-

pared while we dwell together on earth, for the perfect fellowship of the saints above.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

People — Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Minister — Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, even so do to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

People — I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done unto you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Almighty God, we offer and present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, humbly beseeching thee to accept our devotions, and to enable us henceforth to live no longer unto ourselves but unto him who died for us and rose again. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

CHOIR CHANT — (*As the Deacons take their places*)

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

CALL TO COMMUNION — (*By the Minister*)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION —

Minister — Let us read together the words of the institution of the sacrament.

All — And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take ye; this is my body. And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them; and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Verily I say unto you, I shall no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the Mount of Olives.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY —

And Jesus took the bread and blessed it. — *Ministerial Prayer.*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD —

And he said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you.

A HYMN OF TRUST — (*Use this or other Hymn*)

(*Sung by Choir and Congregation as the Deacons return to the Table.*)

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find thy peace, my all in all.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION — And he took the cup and gave thanks. — *Ministerial Prayer.*

THE PASSING OF THE CUP —

This cup is the new testament of my blood, shed for many for the remission of their sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

A HYMN OF DEDICATION — (*Use this or other Hymn*)

(Sung by Choir and Congregation as the Deacons return to the Table)

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine.
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

A HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP * — *(If a Recessional, the People seated, and silent during last stanza)*

And when they had sung a hymn they went out unto the Mount of Olives.

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — *(The People seated)*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The New Year

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — For a great door and effectual is opened unto us.

People — He that entereth not by the door but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Minister — Then said Jesus unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

People — By me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture.

Minister — And behold a door was opened in heaven, and the first voice said, Come up hither and I will show the things which must be hereafter.

People — Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

Eternal God, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and rises anew in the beginning of another year; give us grace to awaken and to rise unto Christ, thy Son, who is our morning light. In thy mercy alone do we confide. Never a night has been dark and starless but thou thyself hast stood sentinel about our beleaguered camp. Never a morn of hope has broken but thou hast put in our mouth the new

song. Never has come a call to strike our tents and take the road but thou hast gone before our marching host. Make us to hear the marching of the deathless army of those who with their Leader have conquered in the fight. So may this year be to every one of us a year of the Lord, and these things we ask in his name who glorified thee on the earth and finished the work which thou gavest him to do. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Wherefore, seeing we are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, the backward glance over the year that is gone, fills us with mingled pride and shame. We praise thee for the worthwhile things we have been able to accomplish with thy help. We ask thy forgiveness for our sins of omission and commission. Pardon us for the visions that remained nebulous; for the vague friendly feelings that never helped a friend; for the good impulses never translated into deeds; for the open doors we did not enter. Too often have we allowed the Master to knock unheeded at the entrance of life, while the passion flowers grew before the door. Save us from spiritual sloth, the infections of materialism, the rebellions of selfish desire. Write thy laws, we pray thee, upon the tables of our hearts; and strengthen our wills for holy purposes in the year that lies before us. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith. O Lord, we believe in the beauty, dignity and immortality of human life. Into each one of us thou hast put a spark of divinity which makes us akin to thee. Time is the measure of our mortality; also the

open door through which we may march to eternity. We believe as the years come and go they should increase our strength of character, our grasp of truth, our abilities for service and our powers of communion with thee.

People — O Lord, help us to treat this gift of life as a sacred possession; a token of thy love and mercy.

Minister — We stand upon the threshold of a new year, with opportunity beckoning us onward. We believe that the spirit of everlasting youth can prevail, as long as we are working and praying for better things. Too often have we stumbled in the upward way; but we are confident that through worship and consecration we can rise upon the stepping stones of our shortcomings to the higher levels of nobler thoughts and achievements.

People — Our Father, give us the vision of new victories to be won. Inspire us with the pilgrim's faith, the reformer's zeal, the prophetic fire. Make us soldiers under the banner of the cross, following the leadership of the Man of Galilee.

Minister — We know not what the new year may bring of joy or sorrow, conquest or defeat, sin or righteousness, life or death; but we know thy grace can be sufficient for every need.

People — Grant that as life leads us onward we may grow in wisdom and in favor with God and man.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,

People — Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Minister — Let prayer be set forth before thee as incense.

People — And the lifting up of hands as the evening sacrifice.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Eternal God, who makest all things new, and abidest forever the same; grant us to commence this year in thy faith, and to continue it in thy favor; that, being guided in all our doings, and guarded all our days, we may spend our lives in thy service, and finally, by

thy grace, attain the glory of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — Ever-living God, by whose mercy we have come to the gateway of another year; grant that we may enter it with humble and grateful hearts; and confirm our resolution, we beseech thee, to walk more closely in thy way. May we renew our vows in thy presence, and set forth under the guidance of thy Spirit, to travel in that path which shineth more and more unto the perfect day of thy heavenly kingdom.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Most merciful Father, who art from everlasting to everlasting, without beginning or end of days, we pray for thy richest blessing upon all men of every land or tongue. May the new year soften every sorrow and deepen every hope. May it further the cause of international peace, and strengthen the bonds of friendship. May we remember that we are all children of a common Father, and so live and think as brethren should, traveling in the pathways of friendliness to the portals of a common country.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Almighty God, prepare us we beseech thee for the coming days. Inspire us with new purposes and new hopes. Renew in us the life of that which alone makes life worth living. Enable us to discern the solemn meaning of these earthly days, and the high and sacred purpose for which they are given. Whatever light may shine or shadow fall, keep us in the fellowship of those who trust and obey thee, and in the love and service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — And the angel of the Lord rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it.

People — Behold I set before thee an open door.

Minister — For thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word and hast not denied my name.

People — What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, may this new year be for us a Land of Promise, overflowing with milk and honey. May we accept this gift of another year of life as a talent intrusted to our keeping. May its beckoning trails be seen as the rainbow arch of a divine assurance. Help us to dedicate it with the fullness of its powers and the richness of its outlook, to the glory of thy name and the service of our fellow men. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Palm Sunday

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

People — He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding upon an ass.

Minister — And He shall speak peace unto the nations.

People — In his days shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.

Minister — He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

People — Blessed is the king that cometh in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Minister — Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my Spirit upon him.

People — The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, we praise thee for the Master, who rode in triumph into the city of his fathers. We thank thee he came not as a conqueror to destroy, but as a Messiah to save; that he appealed to human hearts with the amnesties of love. Grant

that he may ride on in gentle majesty to win our country, our homes, our lives, for the world-wide brotherhood of man. When his trumpets sound, and his banner appeareth from afar, we would throw wide open the city gates, with a royal welcome for the Friend and Saviour of mankind. From the tallest trees of earthly power, help us to choose the fairest branches of achievement, and lay them beneath his feet. May the garments of pride be cast before him, in token that our souls need no covering save the warmth of his love. In the spirit of praise and worship we ask that every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Him hath God exalted with his right hand, to be a Prince and Saviour, to give repentance to his people and forgiveness of sin. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, we have too often been disloyal to the conquering King of this and every day. Forgive us for the sins that have brought reproach upon him and upon thee. Save us from the fickleness which one day cries Hosanna! and the next will not watch with him one hour. When the false pride and hypocrisy of the Pharisee assail us, make us victors in the struggle. When the call of duty sounds, help us to set our faces steadfastly toward our Jerusalem; whether the way be strewn with flowers, or whether it lead by the way of some cross. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith. Blessed are the poor in spirit:

People — For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Minister — Blessed are they that mourn:

People — For they shall be comforted.

Minister — Blessed are the meek:

People — For they shall inherit the earth.

Minister — Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness:

People — For they shall be filled.

Minister — Blessed are the merciful:

People — For they shall obtain mercy.

Minister — Blessed are the pure in heart:

People — For they shall see God.

Minister — Blessed are the peacemakers:

People — For they shall be called the sons of God.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

People — Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

People — Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may approach with reverence and deep devotion, to the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — O God, who didst send thy Son into the world to recall us to thee; grant we beseech thee that we may prepare for him the way of faith, so that we may be worthy to follow in his footsteps, who with thee liveth forevermore.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — O Most Merciful Master, Revealer of Life and Conqueror of Death; take command of thy world

to the confounding of all tyrannies that oppress and all terrors that affright; order our life by thy law of love; make ready the earth for the City of God; lift the agonies of man into an anthem of praise to the glory of God, the Father.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — Almighty God, Fountain of Strength, help us to cast out of the temple of our heart, every temper and passion and desire that cannot bear the searching scrutiny of divine purity and love. O God, our peace, dwell in us more and more. Dwell in our minds as Truth, in our hearts as Charity, in our wills as Strength, and nevermore leave thy temple.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

People — Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Minister — Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

People — For if these things be in us and abound, they make us neither barren nor unfruitful, in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, in the spirit of this Palm Sunday, may all our powers and possessions be ever subject to the royal summons, the Lord hath need of them. May we be living epistles, seen and read of all men, showing forth his glory; that he may gain thereby an easier entry into human hearts. Help us to walk in his steps and minister in his name, loving and serving the lives he loves; because he first loved us. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Good Friday

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ORGAN PASSION MUSIC — (A time of quiet devotion)

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

CALL TO CONFESSION * — (*By the Minister*)

When we fall away, renew us unto repentance, seeing that we crucify the Son of God afresh and put him to open shame. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION * — (*All uniting*)

O Christ, our merciful and loving Saviour who didst bear thy cross for us, help us to take up our cross daily and follow thee. O thou who wast lifted up for us, draw us near unto thee, that we may love thee better for thy great love to us. Lord, we love thee; help thou our want of love. O Heavenly Father, make us to bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus, by a pure and holy life. O Saviour of the world, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS * — (*By the Minister*)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto thee, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A CONFESSION OF FAITH * —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting and inspiring the souls of men.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.

We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind; exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

SCRIPTURE READING

GLORIA * — (*All uniting*)

CHOIR

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

DOXOLOGY *

ADORATION OF THE CROSS * —

Minister — God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world hath been crucified unto me and I unto the world.

All Sing — O Jesus, thou art standing outside the fast-closed door,

In lowly patience waiting to pass the threshold o'er:

We bear the name of Christians, his name and sign we bear,

O shame, thrice shame upon us, to keep him standing there.

Minister — Ye were redeemed not with corruptible things as silver and gold, but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even with the blood of Christ.

All Sing — O Jesus, thou art knocking; and lo! that hand is scarred,
And thorns thy brow encircle, and tears thy face have marred;

O love that passeth knowledge, so patiently to wait!
O sin that hath no equal, so fast to bar the gate!

Minister — Who in his own self carried our sins in his body upon the tree.

All Sing — O Jesus, thou art pleading in accents meek and low,
“ I died for you my children, and will ye treat me so? ”
O Lord, with shame and sorrow, we open now the door;
Dear Saviour, enter, enter, and leave us nevermore.

Minister — For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

All Sing — Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne!

Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own,

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King, through all eternity.

Minister — That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All Sing — Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail, throughout eternity.

Minister — Now unto Him that loved us, and lived and died

as our teacher, example, elder brother and saviour; to Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever.

People — *Amen.*

CHOIR

INVITATION TO PARTAKE OF THE COMMUNION — (*By the Minister*)

At the close of the sermon we are to celebrate together the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In His name, we invite all Christian people to partake with us, no matter to what division of the Lord's army they may belong, for it is his Table and not ours.

SERMON

CHOIR CHANT — (*As the Deacons take their places*)

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

CALL TO COMMUNION — (*By the Minister*)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION —

Minister — Let us read together the words of the institution of the sacrament.

All — And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take ye; this is my body. And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them; and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Verily I say unto you, I shall no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the Mount of Olives.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY —

And Jesus took the bread and blessed it. — *Ministerial Prayer.*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD —

And he said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you.

A HYMN OF TRUST — (*Use this or other Hymn*)

(*Sung by Choir and Congregation as the Deacons return to the Table*)

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find thy peace, my all in all.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION — And he took the cup and gave thanks. — *Ministerial Prayer.*

THE PASSING OF THE CUP —

This cup is the new testament of my blood, shed for many for the remission of their sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

A HYMN OF DEDICATION — (*Use this or other Hymn*)

(*Sung by Choir and Congregation as the Deacons return to the Table*)

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

A HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

And when they had sung a hymn they went out unto the Mount of Olives.

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Easter Sunday

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Christ is risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.

People — For as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Minister — Thanks be to God who hath given us the victory.

People — Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ and he shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; whom having not seen we love with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Wherein we greatly rejoice for an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. Keep us by thy power through faith unto salvation. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Seeing that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, we praise thee and give thee thanks; and though we be unworthy of thy benefits, and cannot offer unto thee due devotion, yet let thy lovingkindness fill up that which our weakness endeavoreth. Before thee, O Lord, is all our desire; and whatever our heart rightly willeth, it is of thy gift. Let not thy gift be unfruitful in us. Perfect that thou hast begun, give that which thou hast made us to long after, convert thou our lukewarmness into fervent love of thee; for the glory of the risen Master. *Amen.*

Minister — Lift up your hearts.

People — We will lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister — O Lord, open thou our eyes.

People — That we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Minister — O Lord, open thou our lips.

People — And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister — Praise ye the Lord.

People — The Lord's name be praised.

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the fatherhood of God and in the brotherhood of man. We believe that Christ is the way and the truth and the life. We believe in the clean heart, the unworldly life, and the service of love that Jesus taught and exemplified. We accept his spirit and his teaching and dedicate ourselves to his unfinished work.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and all thy soul, and all thy mind, and all thy strength.

Choir — Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Choir — Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law. *Amen.*

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — O God, who for our redemption didst give thy Son to the death of the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; grant us to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him, in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — O Lord God, the Light of the faithful and the Repose of the blessed dead, keep us in eternal communion with thy saints, and with those dear to us who are in thy holy peace, and grant that we with them may have an entrance, ministered unto us abundantly, unto the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Almighty God, we pray for our native land, that the radiance of him who is the Sun of Righteousness may never fade from the hearts of our people, but enlighten all consciences, and illuminate all who lead and serve in the realms of politics, of science and art, of trade and commerce, to the end that the sovereignty of thy will may be sought and obeyed in all we contribute to the wealth of nations and to the federation of the world in brotherhood and peace. O God of Easter, who hast scattered thy flowers in the fields, shed abroad thy love in all our hearts.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — Gracious Lord, we remember that thou didst

accompany thy two disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus. We too have a journey, a pilgrimage to perform. Do thou go with us, O Lord; be thou our fellow traveler; uphold us, strengthen us, make our hearts to burn within us, and evermore manifest thyself to our souls in gracious and in heavenly power; for thy name's sake we ask it.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Jesus said, ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well; for so I am.

People — If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Minister — For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

People — If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

May the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the

blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

COVENANT OF CHURCH * — (*To be read in unison by the Church Members*)

We the members of this church, welcome you with great joy into our fellowship and communion. We pledge to you our Christian brotherhood of mutual sympathy, help and prayer. God grant, that loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the saints above.

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A Missionary Service

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

People — God will bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Minister — The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, upon them hath the light shined.

People — For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders.

Minister — Of the increase of his government and of peace, there shall be no end, from henceforth even forever.

People — Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, we thank thee for the growth of knowledge, the increase of power, the advancement of brotherhood and the wider diffusion of comforts and opportunities. We bless thee for the wisdom of the teacher, the skill of the doctor, the art of the nurse, the inspirations of worship, the resourcefulness of science and trade. We would honor thee by seeking to share these and all other gifts, with all people of this

and every land. Give us a larger measure of the spirit of the ever living, ever loving Christ; that we and all our powers of service may be joyous notes in a world-wide symphony of thy praise. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

And if any man sin, we have an advocate with God the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O merciful Father, forgive us for all selfish living. May the glorious example of thy many sons and daughters who have counted not their lives dear unto them, that they might carry the good tidings of great joy unto all people, shame us from the half-filled measures of loyalty we too often give thee. May the call of human need be recognized as thy call, and lead us away from restricted horizons to the coronation of thy ministry. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the sacred responsibility of power and the trusteeship of all resources. We believe that our national welcome to the immigrant should include Christian service; that our sins against those of other races should be atoned for by every possible helpfulness. We believe in the duty of the churches that are strong to help the churches that are weak.

We believe in the supremacy of the Christian revelation of God's life and love, and in the joyous privilege of teaching it to the races that have it not. We believe that the hospital with its work of mercy; the school with its assault upon ignorance and superstition, training toward more remunerative labor with its increase of well-being; and the Christian

family and church with their message of more abundant life, are all portions of preaching in Christ's name the good news of salvation.

We believe in the universal Fatherhood, that all races have something to give as well as receive, and that the missionary opportunity should be accepted with humility of spirit and gratitude of soul.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Heavenly Father, awaken in thy Church that passion for service which was in the heart of Jesus. May her messengers go forth with devotion and joy, into every part of this land which we love, and may their message reclaim, inspire, and transform men.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men, and didst send thy Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; grant that all the peoples of the world may feel after thee and find thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of thy promise, to pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — O thou who art the Light of the World, let thy richest blessing rest upon the home missionary workers in the city and country, on the prairies and amid the mountains, in the North and the South, in the East and the West, that they faint not, neither grow weary in well-doing. Bless those who work in distant mission fields, that the power of the gospel may make this a Christian world.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — While we pray for the outward growth of thy kingdom in the world, we pray also for its inward

growth in the hearts of men; that true religion may abound unto all; through Jesus Christ.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings.

People — To give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Minister — And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

People — Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Almighty God, stir the hearts of thy people, that by their prayers, their gifts and their labors, they may have part in the spreading of thy Gospel over all the earth; and hasten the time when all the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Social Justice and Service

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor,

People — To set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Minister — He that is greater among you, let him become as the younger, and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

People — Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant.

Minister — For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

People — Blessed be his glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. *Amen and Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

O God, we praise thee for an improvable world, and for altar stairs that climb to thee. We glorify thy mercy for past tyrannies that have been dethroned and left behind, as Egyptians dead upon the seashore. We bless thee for the holy joy that we are commissioned in thy name to assist in the overthrow of evil, the liberation of hidden possibilities, and the advancement of righteousness. Make us soldiers in

the army of Christ, friends of all the world, dedicated to the ideals of justice and service, and to thy eternal Fatherhood, which makes all men brothers, shall be the honor and the glory. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O God, together we confess our personal and social sin, beseeching thee to forgive our blindness, our indifference and our hardness of heart. Deliver us from every form of oppression, and the greed which seeks gain at the cost of others. Help us to toil with patience and mercy, that we may do our part to heal the injustice of our time. Fill our minds with light, anoint our hearts with love. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING — (*Followed by the Commandments*)

Minister — Jesus said: The first of all the commandments is, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Choir — Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — And the second is like unto it, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Choir — Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of human brotherhood. Depending upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Peace be with you.

People — And with all people.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — O thou great Father of the weak, by the Holy Child that nestled in Mary's bosom; by the memory of our own childhood joys and sorrows; by the sacred possibilities that slumber in every child; we beseech thee to save us from killing the sweetness of young life, by the greed of gain.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — O God, we pray thee for our sisters who are leaving the ancient shelter of the home, to earn their wage amid the press of modern life. By Mary, who bore the world's redemption in her bosom; by the memory of our dear mothers who kissed our souls awake; by the daughters who must soon go out into that world which we are now fashioning; we beseech thee that we may deal aright by all women.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — May thy Spirit, O God, prevail to bring our business life under Christ's law of service, so that all who share in the processes of factory or trade may grow up into that high consciousness of a divine calling which blesses those who are the free servants of God and the people and who consciously devote their strength to the common good.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — O God, thou great Governor of all the world, strengthen the sense of duty in our political life. Bring an end to the stale days of party cunning. Raise up a new generation of public men, who will have the faith and daring of the kingdom of God in their hearts, and who will enlist for life in a holy warfare for the freedom and rights of the people.

People — *Amen.*

- (e) **Minister** — God, thou great Redeemer of mankind, we pray thee for the graces of a pure and holy life; that we may no longer add to the dark weight of the world's sin that is laid upon thee, but may share with thee in thy redemptive work. Lay thy Spirit upon us and inspire us with a passion of Christ-like love.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

People — For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in.

Minister — Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

People — Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, teach us that gratitude to thee is best expressed in friendly helpfulness. Save us from worship that is untouched by the misery, ignorance and injustice of life. Give

us each day something to do for others, a kindly message to speak, a helpful service to render; that we be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Grant that by our thoughts and deeds, we may bespeak the character of him who came, not to be ministered unto but to minister. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Nation

Suitable for the Sundays preceding Memorial Day, Fourth of July, or Armistice Day

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — The Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land; and thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

People — Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Minister — This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.

People — Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.

Minister — Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

People — O Lord, God of our fathers, keep this forever in the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare our heart unto thee, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies and thy statutes, throughout all generations.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

Almighty God, Father of humanity, we thank thee for the heritage and privilege of our beloved country, and for the wisdom with which thou hast led it from its perilous beginnings, through all the difficulties and dangers to this day of grace; reverently we take it to our hearts as we lift our prayer to thee, beseeching thee with passionate tenderness that thy people may be delivered from every evil, turned from every error, and kept in the highway of a divine vocation; that thy will may be done in fraternal righteousness, and thy purpose fulfilled in the amplitude, power and prophecy of a nation called of thee for a vast and holy errand in the world; in thy holy name. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

We have transgressed and we have rebelled, but thou, O Lord, abidest forever; thy throne is from generation to generation; turn thou unto us, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O God, forgive us for our national sins. Pardon us for lawlessness, materialism, racial hatreds, and all class selfishness. Make us the brother of mankind, and grant that no nation need fear us, whose feet are placed in the ways of righteousness. Save us from too much dependence upon temporal things, and set our hearts upon the riches of eternity. May the worth of our nationalism be more than the value of our possessions, and America be as great in soul as thou hast allowed her to become in empire. Teach us that a nation is not saved by a mighty host, but by simple living, high thinking, and a dependence upon thee. Give us, we pray thee, the grace of humility; pardon our transgressions; and create a right spirit within us. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF NATIONAL FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the United States of America, in the magnitude of her physical empire, and in the great number of her people, as the basis of a mighty nation. We believe in our fathers' devotion to the spirit of liberty, fraternity and equality, and in the wholesome soundness of the national heritage.

We believe that, under God, our beloved country has a mission to conserve the best of the past, to apply the implications of all new truth, to strengthen its character and be a blessing to all mankind. We believe that our national prosperity is a sacred trust, not to be debased in enervating luxury, selfish display or futile idleness, but to be consecrated to the service of mankind and the glory of God. We believe in a further extension of the brotherly spirit, that class snobbery, personal conceits, business dishonesty, political corruption and religious bitterness may be banished as utter folly and social sin.

We believe in education for all, for the sake of a greater efficiency amid the things that are seen, and deeper insights into the things that are not seen. We believe in the loyalty of the brave men who fought, and the noble women who endured, in our times of martial crisis, but pray for a lasting peace throughout all the world. We are grateful for our earthly citizenship, and ask the God of Nations that patriotism may be a holy passion, and a means of grace toward citizenship in that eternal kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Peace be with you.

People — And with all people.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — Almighty Lord, deepen the root of our national life in everlasting righteousness; and let not the crown of our life be as a fading flower. Make us equal to our high trusts, reverent in our use of freedom, just

in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of weakness.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — Lord God, take under thy governance and protection thy servants, the President, the Governor of this State, and all who are entrusted with authority; so defending them from all evil, and enriching them with all needed good, that the people may prosper beneath an equal law, and our Nation may magnify thy name in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Good Lord, we beseech thee to hear us for those who are anxious for their loved ones; for homes that are bereaved and left desolate; for all who minister to the body and bring comfort to the soul; for all who seek to protect the poor and inspire the people with faith.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Almighty God, who in former time didst lead our fathers into a large place, and didst send them to sow beside many waters; give thy grace to their children, that we may always approve ourselves as a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. In the time of prosperity restrain our pride, and in the days of trouble suffer not our trust in thee to fail.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE * — (*"America," first and last stanzas*)

SALUTE TO THE FLAG * — (*Presentation of the flag*)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Blessed be thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, forever and ever.

People — Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

Minister — For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine.

People — Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou rulest over all.

Minister — Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

People — For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, accept our dedication as an expression of proper gratitude for national blessings. Aid us so to love and serve our fellow men that the spirit of brotherhood may prevail in all our laws, actions and feelings. Make us good citizens in this our native land, internationally minded for the sake of peace and cooperation, remembering also that heavenly country, its capital city not made with hands, our home forevermore. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A Service for Pentecost

(Historically known as Whitsunday and celebrated seven weeks after Easter.)

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

People — But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Minister — Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you.

People — For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Minister — I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

People — For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

Most heartily do we thank thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies of every kind, and for thy loving care over all thy creatures.

We bless thee for the gift of life, for thy protection round about us, for thy guiding hand upon us, and for the many tokens of thy love within us; especially for the saving knowledge of thy dear Son; and for the living presence of thy Spirit, our Comforter. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Lord God, there is no God like thee, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart. Forgive all that have sinned against thee. Hear thou our prayer and when thou hearest, forgive. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ his Son, and in the Holy Spirit, renewing, comforting and inspiring the souls of men. We are united in striving to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and all thy soul, and all thy mind, and all thy strength.

People — Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

People — Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel, by sending down the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost; mercifully grant unto us, we beseech thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh, and sanctify our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — Almighty God, the Giver of all good things, without whose help all labor is ineffectual and without whose grace all wisdom is folly, grant, we beseech thee, that in all our undertakings, thy Holy Spirit may not be withheld from us; but that we may promote thy glory, and the salvation both of ourselves and others.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Comfort, we beseech thee, most gracious God, all that are cast down and faint of heart, amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world, and grant that by the energy of thy Holy Spirit, they may be enabled to go upon their way rejoicing, and give thee continual thanks for thy sustaining providence, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — So fill us with thy Spirit, that we may go from strength to strength, everywhere full of thy praise, everywhere full of thy work, finding the joy of the Lord to be our strength, until the work of this world shall close, then give us an abundant entrance into life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the
Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

People — Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Minister — He that believeth on me, the work that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

People — The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All
uniting*)

Almighty God, by thy Holy Spirit shed abroad in our hearts that quiet trust and constant faith, that we being duly fitted for the receiving of thy Word, it may as good seed fall into good ground, and bring forth for us, for the world, and for thy glory, abundantly. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

World Brotherhood and Peace

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — *(If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza)*

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — *(By the Minister or Minister and Choir)*

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

People — So we being many are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

People — And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Minister — Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

People — For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful, in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ: To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE — *(All uniting)*

O God we praise thee for friends; that thou hast set us in families and in nations. We bless thee for all the power friendship has to gladden the heart and strengthen life, and the opportunities it offers to minister to others, even as others have ministered to us. May we praise thee with a kindly

heart toward all races and conditions of men, an earnest desire to help in their advancement, and a refusal to take advantage of their necessities. May brotherhood sing thy praise, by making war as abhorrent to us as it is to thee. Hasten the day, we pray thee, when mankind shall be one great family, worshipping the Father of us all, and devoted to the common good: and to thy name shall be the glory and dominion now and forevermore. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Eternal God, forgive us our aimless living, save us from cynicism, from skepticism, from all the maladies of the mind and moods of the spirit, that despoil life of worth. Give us love, O God, and bestow on us the fine gift of friendliness. Forgive us for our angers, hatreds, grudges and vindictiveness. Beneath all our differences teach us our brotherhood. Beyond all our various purposes teach us our common goal. We ask it in the name of Christ. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of human brotherhood. Depending upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Peace be with you.

People — And with all people.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — O God of love, who hast given us a new commandment, that we should love one another, even as thou didst love us; we pray thee, give to us a mind forgetful of past ill will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren; for the sake of Jesus Christ.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell in the unity of the spirit, which is the bond of peace; amid diversities of race and calling, unite us all as members of one family, that with one heart and one mind we may serve and glorify thee, our Father, and the Father of all mankind.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — O God of pity and God of mercy, comfort all sorrow and relieve all distress. As we pray for our loved ones and ourselves, give us a sympathy as broad as the world, which thou hast established for our habitation. Let no distinctions of class or position, of wealth or learning, diminish the warmth of brotherly love. Grant that differences of race, color or creed, may not separate us into hostile camps. Lift, we pray thee, the burden of all the world, and use us in the coming of thy kingdom.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — O thou only wise God, our Saviour, hasten, we beseech thee, the coming of thy kingdom upon earth. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars and fighting among us, and let thy Spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Manifest thy will, Almighty Father, in the brotherhood of man, and bring in

universal peace; through the victory of Christ our Lord.

Choral Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — He that loveth his brother abideth in the light.

People — If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Minister — On earth peace, good will to men.

People — Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, breathe into our souls more of the spirit of brotherhood and peace. Give us such a hunger for the constructive helpfulness of love, that we may abhor the destructive passions of war. In thought, word and deed make us the friends of all mankind, instruments of justice and concord.
Amen.

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and
silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People
seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Christian Education

(Suitable for the Sundays preceding the opening or closing of schools and colleges. Sometimes used for Rally Sunday.)

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are his.

People — The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Minister — Happy is the man that getteth wisdom; her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her ways are peace.

People — So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Minister — If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

People — To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

O Lord we bless thee that thou hast called us to be friends, not servants, knowing not what our Lord doeth. We praise thee, that in many ways thou hast revealed unto us thy laws

and purposes, and made mental fellowship possible. We thank thee for thy truth that can make us free, free from the bondage of evil, free from the weight of sorrow. Make us faithful students in the school of experience, applying all our knowledge to the betterment of life and a closer approach to thee. And to thy name shall be the glory and dominion, world without end. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding. Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, and he shall lift you up. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O God, forgive us when the pride of partial understanding keeps us from that humility of soul, without which the sense of thy presence is lost. Pardon the failures to translate knowledge into wisdom, and the refusals to walk in the pathways illumined by thy truth. Remove from us the materialism and restlessness that prevent us from brooding upon the deeper things of life, the hidden mysteries which are the light of thy countenance. Touch our minds that we may think thy thoughts after thee, and our pursuit of truth become steps of ascension to altars of worship. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the kingdom of Truth as a revelation of the Almighty, open to those who patiently and lovingly study the pages of life and experience.

We believe in the unity of Truth; that the messages of faith and science come from the one God, with whom is neither variableness nor shadow of turning.

We believe in the progress of Truth and the continuance of revelation; in the unchanging God, who has given his children an increasing capacity to understand his ways and purposes.

We believe in the application of Truth; that the denial of wisdom, through foolish deeds and selfish living, is a sin against our brethren and our Father who is in heaven. We believe in education as a life-long process; that it is our privilege and duty to understand wherever knowledge is possible, and to have faith in the realms beyond our sight, trusting in the evidence of things not seen.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Lift up your hearts.

People — We will lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — O God our Father, we beseech thee to bless the Sunday schools of the Church, that the young may be instructed in thy word. Enrich all teachers with patient faithfulness and loving wisdom, and make the scholars ready to be taught, that they may find joy and peace in the way of thy commandments.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Grant, O Lord Jesus, that all those in our day schools may seek to find out what thou wouldst have them do in life, and earnestly strive to follow thee, who in thy boyhood didst seek to do thy Father's business; for thy name's sake.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Thou only wise God, illuminate all schools and colleges and universities with the light that cometh from above; that those who teach may be taught of thee, and those who learn may be led of thy Spirit.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — O thou who art the truth and teacher of all; give us boldness to examine and faith to trust all truth; to grasp new knowledge and to combine it loyally and honestly with the old.

People — *Amen.*

- (e) **Minister** — Almighty God, we invoke thee, the Fountain of everlasting Light, and entreat thee to send forth thy truth into our hearts, and to pour upon us the glory of thy brightness; through Christ our Lord.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — If thou criest after knowledge and liftest up thy voice for understanding, then shalt thou find the knowledge of God, for the Lord giveth wisdom.

People — Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.

Minister — Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

People — So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, we ask that wisdom may never be sought for its own sake, but for its power to broaden and deepen life.

May education ever be the friend of ignorance, the enemy of superstition, the servant of need. Accept, we pray thee, this consecration of mind and heart and soul, to thee the Father of all, and to the advancement of thy kingdom throughout the world. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

All Souls' Sunday

A Memorial Service

(Historically celebrated the second of November. Appropriate for Sunday preceding Armistice Day.)

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

People — Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Minister — After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number stood before the throne and before the Lamb, and served him day and night in his temple. What are these arrayed in white robes and whence came they?

People — These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Minister — I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

People — So when this corruptible shall have put on incor-

ruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

Eternal God, our dwelling place in all generations; we would renew in this hour all fair and noble memories, all high and holy traditions of the days that are no more. We bless thee for all the true and righteous souls who have revealed thee to men, and who in their generation witnessed a good confession for the welfare of the world, and whose memorial thou hast set on high, and whose names thou hast made to shine as the stars forever. Almighty Father, the God not of the dead but of the living, we have joy together in all our loved ones who have faithfully lived and peacefully died, and whose truth and beauty are even now in our hearts. May we be assured that they who are absent from us have found a more perfect rest in thee, and the crown of an unfading life. Take the veil from our hearts, and join us in one communion with all thy saints on earth and in heaven. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven, thy faithfulness unto all generations. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; guide my footsteps in thy word, and let not iniquity have dominion over me. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Let thy beauty be upon us, O Lord, transforming our lives from what we are to that which we ought to be, uniting us in a new love, a new grace of service and a new happiness of obedience. Make us to know that between us and thee there is nothing but our own blindness of heart, since thou art so near and we are often so far away. Make us one with all thy seekers and finders, that at last we may be one with those who triumph over time and death by thy grace. In His name. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Eternal God, we bless thee for the memory of the righteousness and especially for those most dear to us, who lived in faith and departed in peace. May we follow their good example, and be gathered with them into thy heavenly kingdom.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Almighty God, we bless thee for all the holy souls that reveal thee, for all unknown and lowly people whose daily lives are offerings heroic, sweet and beautiful to thee. Renew thy call to us, and lift us into the liberty and joy of thy faithful children.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — O thou who hast raised up prophets and apostles, draw us unto thyself by the same uplifting power, that our feet stumble not in the dark mountains, nor falter in the valley of the shadow of death.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — Almighty God, who holdest in thy hand the souls of the righteous, we bless thee for those who have

helped and defended us, and loved and cherished us. Grant that all the good we have felt and seen in them may continue to inspire and guide us; that we may always love them and hallow their memory; and that, when we have fulfilled our time on earth, we may have part with them in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

NECROLOGY * — *(The roll of the church dead for the preceding year will be read by the Church Clerk)*

THE MEMORIAL PRAYER * —

Minister — Let us pray.

All — O Lord, we bless thy holy name for the eternal destinies of thy pilgrims along the dusty ways. Help us to live as citizens of a better country, that the foregleams of immortality may lighten our earthly path. Deathless thou didst make us, help us to be worthy of life. Thy love didst give us comrades, precious gems amid the settings of the golden years; some of them thou hast taken back to the love-land from whence they came. Give us the faith to say, The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord; and send peace and comfort to all saddened hearts and empty homes. Keep us ever assured of thy goodness and of the rightness of life or death as thou dost send them. Lead us in the upward path to the doors of the mansions fair, where those whom we have loved long since and lost awhile await our coming with further-seeing eyes than ours. In the name of him who mastered life and conquered death. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — *(By the Minister)*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Let us call to remembrance the great and good, through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth forever, of whom the world was not worthy. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish thou it.

People — Therefore seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the leader and perfecter of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our loving Father, we consecrate ourselves, all that we have and are, to thee and our fellow travelers. Help us to be worthy of all heroic martyrs who, in war or the perils of peace, went where duty called them, witnessing that thy favor is better than life. Assist us to carry forward the work of All Saints, and to perpetuate in labor and vision the love of All Souls, who were near and dear to us. Thine we are! and we would give thee that which is thine own. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Thanksgiving Sunday

(OR THANKSGIVING DAY)

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE * —

Minister — O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

People — Blessed be his glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Minister — Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

People — Thou visitest the earth and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water.

Minister — Thou settlest the furrows thereof; thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof.

People — Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy. They also sing.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

Most high and holy Ruler of the universe, by whom our Nation hath been established in freedom and preserved in union; we praise thee for thy favor shown unto our fathers, and thy faithfulness continued unto their children; for the rich

land given us for an inheritance, and the great power entrusted to the people; for the fidelity of men set in authority, and the peace maintained by righteous laws; for protection against our enemies, and deliverance from inward strife; for an honorable place among the nations, and the promise of increasing strength. Keep thou the Commonwealth beneath thy care, and guide the State according to thy will: and thine shall be the glory and the praise and the thanksgiving, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions and their sins. Let them return unto me and I will abundantly pardon, that they may sanctify themselves and purify themselves, and then will I set my sign upon them. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, grant that as a people we may humble our pride, and confess before thee and one another, our mistakes and shortcomings. Thou hast blessed us beyond the measure of our deserts. We have been lawless and allowed license to defile the temple of liberty. Luxury and materialism have been permitted to dim the vision of the soul. Pleasure has too often stilled the voice of duty. Class feeling and greed have put discords amid the harmonies of the spirit of brotherhood. We have written thy name into our constitutions more clearly than we have engraved it upon the tables of our hearts. Pardon, we pray thee, the sins of the past, and help us to attain a national and international righteousness more acceptable in thy sight. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He mak-

eth me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING —

Minister — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

People — Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

People — Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

Minister — Let us give thanks! For the old, sweet fashions of nature, for the ritual of its seasons, for the wonders of seedtime, summer and autumn harvest; for the stores of material good for our use and blessing; for the spur of necessity which impels industry; for the sky over all, deepening as we gaze, and for that other heaven within, which widens into strange distances.

People — O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister — Let us give thanks! For the old world-road along which we journey, trodden by so many feet before us; for the flowers of divine grace and human kindness along the way; for the thorns that require careful handling, and the disciplines and tasks that train us for strength and honor; for the Kindly Light that leads us, for the love that heals our hurts, and the mercy that lifts us when we fall.

People — We praise thee, O God.

Minister — Let us give thanks! For our country and its laws, for home and family and the dear love of comrades, for the sorrows that subdue us to sobs and weld us in love unto our kind; for the growth of pity and justice in the hearts of men; for the increasing purpose of good will running through the years; for all teachers of art and insight who interpret to us the way and the will of the Eternal!

People — We praise thee, O God.

Minister — Let us give thanks! For the organizations of life in education, art and character; for the fellowship of man in spiritual faith, moral endeavor, and the quest of truth; for the dream that love will one day everywhere prevail to the confounding of all unkindness, all uncleanness; for God the Father of all, who is the meaning of life, the home of the soul and the hope that love can never lose its own.

People — We praise thee, O God.

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF CONSECRATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted, and the tempter said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

People — But he answered, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Minister — And the tempter showed him all the kingdoms of the world and said, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

People — Then said Jesus, Get thee hence, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, accept, we pray thee, the dedication of our powers and resources. We would serve thee and thee alone and conquer all kingdoms of life, in the power of thy love working through us. May victory never seek her ends through compromise with evil, but through alliance with righteousness. Grant that each day may be a day of Thanksgiving because we have been with thee, and have found some helpful service to render to our brother's need. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A Service for Advent

In Preparation for Christmas

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Say ye to the daughter of Zion, behold, thy salvation cometh.

People — The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

Minister — There shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

People — And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Minister — He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River unto the ends of the earth.

People — To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, in the remission of their sins.

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

Almighty and ever-blessed God, we are permitted once again to rejoice with thy Holy Church in the season of Advent. Grant that this approach to Christmas Day may be hallowed by devout meditations. May ours be the joy of those who keep the thought of thy love bright in the hearts of men. Dispose our hearts toward that happy time in childlike grati-

tude and simple faith, and in expectation of a requickening of heavenly love within us, adoration to thee, peace and good will to men. And this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Almighty God, by whose gracious providence thy servant John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way of Christ; make us to follow his teaching that we may truly repent of our sins; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke wrongdoing, and patiently suffer for conscience' sake. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — To us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things and we unto him.

And one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him; who was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, preached among nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

And one Spirit of Truth, proceeding from the Father, bearing witness of Christ, guiding us unto all truth, declaring unto us the things that are to come, bearing witness with our Spirit, that we are the children of God. Having fruit in all goodness, righteousness and truth.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

People — And we beheld his glory.

Minister — Full of grace and truth.

People — And of his fullness have we all received.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Almighty God, who in thy Providence hast made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of thy Son; we beseech thee to make ready our hearts for the brightness of thy glory, and the fullness of thy blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Our Father, we see a star in the east leading to Bethlehem, alight with the promise of the gospel of glad tidings. Assist us to join that pilgrim band which, finding the newborn King, shall gain strength for their tasks, comfort for their sorrows, forgiveness for their sins and salvation for their souls. Grant that the Christ may be for us the open door of entrance to the Holy of Holies, where the light of thy presence shines forevermore.

People — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — O God of love and concord, we mourn the divisions between the peoples, the races and the classes, that cause misunderstanding and hatred. May the Christ be the King of Kings, the Parliament of Nations and the Bond of Universal Brotherhood. We beseech thee that the coming season of peace on earth, good will to men, may shame the world from every selfishness, unite it in fraternal righteousness, and lead us all to thee, through Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

People — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — O God, prepare our minds and hearts, we beseech thee, that Christ may dwell within us, and ever reign in our thoughts and affections as the King of Love, and the very Prince of Peace. Grant this, we pray thee, for his sake.

Choir — *Amen.*

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the
Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Give diligence to present thyself unto God, a
workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

People — We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
for good works.

Minister — Now the God of peace, who brought again from
the dead our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good
work to do his will,

People — Working in us that which is well pleasing in his
sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for
ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All
uniting*)

O God, who dost teach us by this act of worship that it is
more blessed to give than to receive, graciously accept these
our offerings and give us the right spirit both in giving and
receiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and
silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People
seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Forefathers' Sunday

A Service of Gratitude for the Pilgrim and Puritan Heritage

(Usually celebrated the second Sunday in December, the nearest date to the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.)

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their days, in the days of old.

People — For not by their own sword did they win this land, neither did their own arm save them; but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst pleasure in them.

Minister — Let us call to remembrance the great and good, through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory. All these were honored in their generation, and were the glory of their times. Their bodies were buried in peace, but their name liveth evermore.

People — There be some who have left a name behind them, whose remembrance is sweet as honey in all mouths; and there be some who have no memorial, who are perished

as though they had never been; but their righteousness hath not been forgotten and the glory of their works cannot be blotted out.

Minister — The righteous live forevermore; their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore, shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a crown of beauty from the Lord's hand.

People — Blessed be the Lord, the God of our fathers, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say, Amen, praise ye the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — (*All uniting*)

God of our Fathers, we give thanks to thee for those brave souls who dared danger and hardship, persecution and death, that they might win for themselves and for the world, liberty of conscience and freedom to worship God. Thou didst guide them through stormy seas to their home in the wilderness. Thou didst help them to plant upon these shores the seeds of civil and religious liberty, whose harvest is our great republic. May their heroic spirit, their devotion to truth, their loyalty to thee, and their love of liberty abide in us. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

Thus saith the high and lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to receive the heart of the contrite. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, make us more worthy of the heritage of that Pilgrim band, self-exiled from a land of beauty and security, to go out and find a better country, they knew not whither, where their souls might feel at home. We have entered into the fruitage of their labors. Thou hast vouchsafed to us, through them, broader horizons, greater power and knowledge, and kindlier creeds. But, good Lord, preserve us from deserting

the rock of faith upon which they builded with devotion to duty, and exaltation of the sovereignty of God, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. Forgive us for surrendering to the temporal things which were so secondary to them. Help us to follow the gleam, to launch our Mayflower, that we may win triumphs for thee and help open new worlds of power and freedom for all mankind. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT — (*Read by the Minister*)

In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereigne Lord King James, by the grace of God of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Having undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian Faith, and honour of our King and Countrey, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the Northerne parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politike, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equall Lawes, Ordinances, acts, constitutions, offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the generall good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names, Cape Cod, 11 of November, in the yeare of the raigne of our sovereigne Lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland 18, and of Scotland 54. Anno Domini 1620."

AN HISTORICAL APPRECIATION — (*All uniting*)

We gratefully believe in the heroic trust and patriotism of those Pilgrims and Puritans who laid the foundations for the free school, the free state and the free church.

We believe in their optimism and pioneer spirit, in their refusal to be bound by precedent, and their firm determination to improve their own lives and better the institutions under which men live. We believe in their hunger for education.

foreseeing that a republic must have the basis of an educated citizenship.

We believe in their confidence in the common man, in their opening the doors of privilege and power to every child, in their rejection of artificial and hereditary standards, and in their welcoming the lowliest to the seats of the mighty on the basis of proven fitness to rule. We believe in their emphasis upon religion, in their obedience to the authority of the Almighty, in their use of prayer as the gateway to power, and the Bible as the guide book to truth and faith.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

- (a) **Minister** — Grant, O Lord, that we, the inheritors of Pilgrim and Puritan renown, the heirs of their liberty, may possess their courage and patience and fidelity, and that generations yet unborn may adore thee for thy mercy and desire thee for thy lovingkindness.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — O thou King of Saints, who hast manifested thy wonderful love and power in the lives and deaths of thy redeemed and holy ones of old, grant that we, like them, may have grace to glorify thee, and may come to dwell with them and with thee forever in the gladness of thy glorious presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Almighty God, who didst raise up prophets in ancient times; we beseech thee to raise up in these days an increasing number of wise and faithful men, filled with the old prophetic fire and apostolic zeal, by whose labors thy Church may be greatly blessed, and thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Our Father, as we turn back this page of history, with grateful hearts for mighty results from feeble beginnings, may it teach us anew that thou art the beginning and the end of days, that thy tender mercy is over all thy works and that thy truth endureth for all generations. May such confidence comfort every sorrow, strengthen every weakness, and help us to face both today and tomorrow with that renewed faith and assurance, which should belong to those who fellowship with thee.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — In those days came John the Baptist, saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

People — The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.

Minister — And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father; for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

People — Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, help us like the herald of the Master's coming, to prepare the way of the Lord, and add to the power of thy

kingdom. May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the influence of our lives tell the story of the risen Lord; with whom is happiness and salvation. Help us not to put reliance upon the external qualities of birth or possessions, but upon faith and kindly deeds. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Christmas Sunday

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto his name.

People — Come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation.

Minister — Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name.

People — For unto us this day a Child is born, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Minister — He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

People — And blessed be his glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. *Amen and Amen.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE — (*All uniting*)

O Blessed Lord, grant unto us, who celebrate this festival of Christmastide, that we may arise and hasten to the place where Love has come, and offer there the homage and devotion of our lives. We thank thee for the road to Bethlehem, and for all the glad pilgrims who have hastened there. We thank thee for all the hearts that have grown tender and

the eyes that have become bright, as the season of good will has come round again. Grant that all who keep Christmas may keep Christ and be kept by him. May the tree of life be lit with new lights and hung with new offerings. May Christ be born in all our hearts this day. May his Kingdom be extended and his banner be upraised. And this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

CHOIR or SERMONETTE FOR CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION — (*By the Minister*)

I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY — (*All uniting*)

Our Father in heaven, we bless thee for this holy of holies, the greatest proof of the ages that thou dost love us, and that we should love thee and one another. We ask that this Christmas vision may shame us from all unworthiness. Forgive us for the times when we do not allow the Master's spirit to rule within our lives. Let not the grip of evil, the false pressure of lesser cares or the icy chill of spiritual indifference, cause us to bar the doors of life with the harsh refusal, There is no room for him in the inn. Grant that no Herod spirit within us shall ever seek to slay the newborn King, but with the faith of shepherds may we see the vision glorious, and with the undying love of a mother's devotion, may we keep all these things in our hearts, in response to a Saviour's sacrifice and to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory.

People — For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Minister — I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever.

People — I am the door; and by me if any man enter it, he shall go in and out and find pasture.

Minister — I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep and am known of mine.

People — I am the vine; ye are the branches. He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

Minister — I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

People — For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Then the Minister may lead the People in one or more of the following prayers or they may be omitted.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION —

Minister — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength.

People — Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

People — Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister — The Lord be with you.

People — And with thy spirit.

Minister — Let us pray.

(a) **Minister** — Father in heaven, whose mercy we praise in the year's remembrance of the birth of thy beloved Son; make known unto all men the gospel of his blessed incarnation, whereby thou hast clearly revealed thy love for the world. Help us so to celebrate this day, that our keeping of Christmas may be a blessing to our souls, a memorial of Christ, a benefit to our fellow men, and a thanksgiving unto thee for thine unspeakable gift of the Saviour.

People — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — Make us humble of heart, that we may be a fit abiding place for thee, even as the manger for the Holy Child. Purify our minds that we may move only to thy purposes; and kindle our affections, that our love may be broad as thy redeeming love. We would that the spirit that was in Jesus should be born in us, that we, as thy beloved sons, may call thee Father.

People — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Our Father in Heaven, Source of Life and Spirit of Love; may the story of the holy infancy make all childhood sacred in our eyes, and teach us to become as little children in thy sight. May this day of peace bring comfort to all sorrowing lives, and the emptiness of every lonely heart be filled with the grace of thy compassion. Grant that the tender memories of loved ones, with whom in former years we kept this blessed day, may make the unseen the most real of all realities. Enable us who remain to draw more closely together in Christian sympathy and brotherly service, confident of thy love in the flesh and in the spirit.

People — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, that we, who rejoice to celebrate the nativity of Jesus Christ, may deserve by worthy living to attain his fellowship.

Choral Amen

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SENTENCES OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Now when Jesus was born, behold there came wise men from the east, saying,

People — Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Minister — And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him.

People — And when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*All uniting*)

Our Father, we thank thee for this story of the Wise Men of old, who found the newborn Christ, and gave him of their choicest gifts. The march of the years and the teachings of experience have made our indebtedness to the Master's life more evident. Help us to be the Wise Men of today; and in glad and loving gratitude dedicate our powers and resources before the altar of that manger throne, that in this and every land his standard may be exalted. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Brief Orders of Worship

A Brief Order of Worship

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — *(If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza)*

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — *(By the Minister or Minister and Choir)*

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — I will praise the Lord with my whole heart in the congregation.

People — Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Minister — I will extol thee my God, O King, and I will bless thy name forever and ever.

People — Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unchangeable.

CHOIR

CALL TO PRAYER — *(By the Minister)*

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — *(All uniting)*

O Lord God, great and mighty is thy name, and to thee we ascribe all honor and glory. May we worship thee in the sanctuary and praise thee in all of life. Help us to be worthy children of thy love and true brothers to all mankind. Comfort the sorrowing, strengthen the weak, and direct the strong in the pathways of joy and service. Forgive our

mistakes and sins, and teach us more of our dependence upon thee. Bless thy people everywhere, be with our friends and loved ones, and lead us safely to our eternal home.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the
Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*By
the Minister*)

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and
silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People
seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A Brief Order of Worship

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — *(If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza)*

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — *(By the Minister or Minister and Choir)*

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice.

People — We will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will sing praise unto thy name, O thou most high.

Minister — Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory and the victory and majesty.

People — Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, our lips shall praise thee.

CHOIR

CALL TO PRAYER — *(By the Minister)*

O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call ye upon him while he is near. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — *(All uniting)*

From thee, O Gracious Father, as from an inexhaustible fountain of love, flows forth the water of the river of life, to bring blessing upon every creature thou hast made. Grant that, in the spirit of praise, there may be a new song in our mouth, and that we may go singing down the ways of life, whether the day be dark or bright. For thy mercy's sake,

pardon what we have done wrongly and the duties we have left undone, and restore unto us the fellowship which we ourselves have clouded. Deal gently with all sorrow and suffering. For all men everywhere, wilt thou help them do what they cannot do alone, and do for them what they cannot do at all, and to thy name shall be the glory, now and forevermore. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the
Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*By
the Minister*)

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and
silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People
seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A Brief Order of Worship

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION — (*By the Minister or Minister and Choir*)

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto thy name, O thou most high.

People — To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning and thy faithfulness every night.

Minister — O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

People — Our lips shall greatly rejoice when they sing unto thee, and our soul which thou hast redeemed.

CHOIR

CALL TO PRAYER — (*By the Minister*)

The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. We will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall we be saved. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, thy Spirit is like the music of the wind among the tree tops. We know not whence it cometh or whither it goeth; we only know it bringeth comfort and peace, strength and courage. Without thee life is an orphanage and not a home. Assist us to cast out all that defiles the temple of God, and

leaves the soul of the worshipper outside the Holy of Holies. To thy gracious mercy we commit the sorrow and suffering, the frustration and hopelessness of life. Guide and humble the strong, protect and uplift the weak of this and every land, and to thee shall be the glory and dominion, world without end, now and forevermore. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * — (*By the Minister*)

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Orders of Worship for Evensong

Evensong

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

INVOCATION * — (*By the Minister*)

The People seated

SERVICE OF PRAISE —

Minister — O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

People — The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Minister — Blessed be the Lord God, who only doeth wondrous things.

People — Blessed be his glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Minister — Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and bless his name.

People — For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

(Or a Service of Praise can be given by the Choir or Minister and Choir)

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION * — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, our God, thou art greater than the ocean, more beautiful than the sunset, more powerful than the earthquake, more tender than a mother's heart. Thy mercies unto us are countless as the sands of the seashore or the stars of a sum-

mer sky. We offer thee the praise of gratitude and ask, as the evening shadows gather, that the sun of thy love may never set within our lives. Create within us a humble spirit, and forgive our mistakes and sins. May we worship thee in the sanctuary, acknowledge thee in the place of business, enshrine thee in the home and glorify thee in every thought and deed. *Amen.*

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

SERVICE OF ASSURANCE —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the fatherhood of God and in the brotherhood of man. We believe that Christ is the way and the truth and the life. We believe in the clean heart, the unworldly life, and the service of love that Jesus taught and exemplified. We accept his spirit and his teaching, and dedicate ourselves to his unfinished work.

SERVICE OF PRAYER — (*By Minister and Choir*)

Minister — Almighty God, Father of our spirits, as the night draweth nigh we offer unto thee a petition for all thy children everywhere. Grant that differences of color, race or creed may not dim the vision of human need, or weaken the bonds of brotherhood. Make us useful in the coming of thy kingdom. Bless and satisfy the noblest longings of every life that lifts its soul toward God.

Choir — *Amen.*

Minister — O Lord, give us power that is humble, mastery that is self-effacing, knowledge that knows its limitations, strength that is aware of its weakness. Help us to grow toward the stature of the perfect man and to climb to the higher altitudes. Teach us even amid our victories how far short we come of the ultimate, and how dependent we still are upon thy love and care.

Choir — *Amen.*

Minister — O God, help us through sympathy to be roused into action on behalf of all underprivileged lives. Aid us, at some cost to ourselves if necessary, to abolish all slums, all underpaid and overworked labor, and all cases of social injustice. Grant that all may have a friendly and unobstructed road to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Choir — *Amen.*

Minister — Into thy keeping, O gracious God, both by night and day, we commit ourselves and our loved ones. Comfort the sorrowing, strengthen the weak, heal the sick, and uphold the discouraged. Lead all joy and power in the pathway of righteousness and service. Bless our beloved country and make it worthy of its heritage. Be with us in the days of life, and receive our souls at the gateway of death. In the name of our Leader and Master we ask it.

Choir — *Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SERVICE OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE * —

Minister — Let us pray.

All — Our Father, thou hast done so much for us, passing the measure of man's mind, make us ashamed not to serve thee unto the uttermost. When opportunity calls enable us to answer, Here am I, send me. Give us the grace to translate

the emotions and inspirations of this holy hour, into ideals and deeds which shall honor thy name, and truly help our fellow men. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Evensong

Where an asterisk () appears, the People will stand. Follow the service without announcement.*

ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

INVOCATION * — (*By the Minister*)

The People seated

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Evening, and morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice.

People — Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Minister — In the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

People — Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge.

Minister — Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

People — And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, and by night in a pillar of fire.

(Or a Service of Praise can be given by the Choir or Minister and Choir)

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

Lord of the evening hour, who hast often met with us at close of day, be our Refuge now from the noise of the world, and the care of our spirits. For unnumbered mercies and blessings, often unnoticed, we thank and praise thee. We acknowledge and confess, that we have not loved thee with

all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We pray thee that, in thy great mercy, thou wilt help us henceforth to do those things which are pleasing in thy sight. *Amen.*

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

SERVICE OF ASSURANCE —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe we should worship the Lord our God, and him only should we serve; that Christ is the vine and we are the branches. We believe that service rendered unto even the least of our brethren is a service rendered unto our Heavenly Father; and that we cannot serve God and Mammon. We believe that except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God, and that there is nothing a man should give in exchange for his soul. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him should worship him in spirit and in truth.

SERVICE OF PRAYER — (*By Minister and Choir*)

- (a) **Minister** — Bless all who worship thee, from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Of thy goodness give us, with thy love inspire us, by thy Spirit guide us, by thy power protect us, in thy mercy receive us, now and always.

Choir — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — Remember, O God, thy Church militant here upon earth, send light and peace into the temple of thy praise; pour the Spirit of truth and love upon all thy ministers, and bring all thy worshippers to the obedience and simplicity of Christ.

Choir — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hear us while we pray; that it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, sickness and tribulation; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives.

Choir — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — Almighty Father, the Source from which we come, the End to which we travel, and the Light and Strength of our pilgrimage; mercifully grant that everything may be brought into harmony with thy will, and that God may be all in all.

Choir — *Amen.*

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SERVICE OF DEDICATION *

Minister — Let us pray.

All — Almighty God, enlighten our minds and souls, that we may not only be hearers of good words, but also doers of good deeds, striving ever to live blameless and faithful lives through thy help, and to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Evensong

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

INVOCATION * — (*By the Minister*)

The People seated

SERVICE OF PRAISE —

Minister — Lift up your hearts.

People — We will lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister — O Lord, open thou our eyes.

People — That we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Minister — O Lord, open thou our lips.

People — And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister — Praise ye the Lord.

People — The Lord's name be praised.

(Or a Service of Praise can be given by the Choir or Minister and Choir)

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst raise up thy Son and give him glory, that our faith and hope might be in thee; quicken us also, we beseech thee, by thy mighty power, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, and cause us to set our affections on things above; so that we may, at the last, have part in the resurrection of the just, and in the glory of thy heavenly kingdom, whither Jesus the Forerunner is for us entered, where also he liveth

and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, God blessed forever. *Amen.*

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

SERVICE OF ASSURANCE —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SERVICE OF PRAYER — (*By Minister and Choir*)

Minister — O God of light and darkness, grant that as the kindly mantle of night covers the face of the earth, the sun of thy peace may continue to shine within our souls.

Choir — *Amen.*

Minister — Thou Helper of all mankind, aid us to so live throughout our days, that when the evening shadows fall we may not be shamed or haunted by the memories of evil deeds or the ghosts of neglected opportunities.

Choir — *Amen.*

Minister — Thou Source of infinite mercy, speak peace to all troubled souls, support the weak and guide the strong, protect our homes, care for our loved ones near at hand and far away, in this world and on the other shore.

Choir — *Amen.*

Minister — O thou Shepherd of the sheep, watch over us this night, give us rest and untroubled sleep, that we may rise to dedicate another week of labor to the glory of thy name, and the joy of our fellow men, walking in the footsteps of our risen Lord.

Choir — *Amen.*

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the
Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SERVICE OF DEDICATION * —

Minister — Let us pray.

All — O Lord, we would consecrate ourselves to thy service and to our risen Christ. Help us to be friends and followers of him who brought life and immortality to light. Make us ambassadors of thy kingdom, ministers of thy will, servants of thy purpose. Accept our dedication to thee and human need, of power obtained only through fellowship with the Master, who is life eternal. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and
silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People
seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Evensong

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

INVOCATION * — (*By the Minister*)

The People seated

SERVICE OF PRAISE —

Minister — It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.

People — To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,
and thy faithfulness every night.

Minister — For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God
will enlighten my darkness.

People — The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast
prepared the light and the sun.

Minister — It shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall
be light.

People — The night shineth as the day: the darkness and
the light are both alike to thee.

*(Or a Service of Praise may be given by the Minister and Choir,
or by the Choir alone)*

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

Almighty God, the Lord of peace and Giver of rest; grant us
at eventide the light of thy countenance. Grant us now thy
forgiveness and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer
up our confession and supplications. Let the memory of thy
kindness pass not away from us, but abide in the sanctuary

of our hearts; that our meditation of thee may be sweet, and that we may be glad in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

SERVICE OF ASSURANCE —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe that the works of the Lord are great, and his righteousness endureth forever; that he hath given meat unto them that fear him and will ever be mindful of his covenant. We believe the works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant forever; holy and reverend is his name.

SERVICE OF PRAYER — (*By Minister and Choir*)

(a) **Minister** — O God, through another day thou hast preserved us, and once more thou hast admitted us into thy presence, to offer our evening prayer, to make intercessions for all men, and to glorify and declare thy goodness.

Choir — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Speak peace to thy Church, and remove the differences that divide us one from another, and from thee. Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, that we may love thee supremely as we ought, and others as thou lovest us.

Choir — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Save, O Lord, those who are in distress, anxiety or temptation; those who are in constant pain, who never know relief; that in difficulty thou mayest be their Guide, in weakness their Strength, and in weariness their Rest.

Choir — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — Save us, O Lord, waking; guard us sleeping;

that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we
may rest in peace.

Choir — Amen.

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

*After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the
LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a
CHOIR RESPONSE.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the
Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SERVICE OF DEDICATION * —

Minister — Let us pray.

All — Almighty God, by whose providence both the day and
the night are governed; we acknowledge thy gracious bounty
in the gifts we now offer on the altar; beseeching thee to
bring us in peace and safety to the last evening of our earthly
life, when we shall lie down to sleep, and awake to be still
with thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and
silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People
seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Evensong

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

INVOCATION * — (*By the Minister*)

The People seated

SERVICE OF PRAISE —

Minister — The day declineth, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out; but it shall come to pass that at evening time there shall be light.

People — With God is the fountain of life; and in his light shall we see light.

Minister — Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice.

People — God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(Or a Service of Praise can be given by the Choir or Minister and Choir)

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

Praised be thou, O God, Almighty Ruler, who dost make the day bright with thy sunshine, and the night with the beams of thy heavenly fires! Forgive us both our conscious and unconscious transgressions. Clothe us with the armor of righteousness; watch over us with thy power; and give us grace to pass all the days of our life free from sin, terror and offense. For with thee is mercy and plenteous redemption, and to thee we bring our thanks and praise. *Amen.*

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

SERVICE OF ASSURANCE —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe that the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. We believe he healeth all our diseases; he redeemeth our life from destruction; he crowneth us with lovingkindness and tender mercies; so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. We believe he hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities; that the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; and his righteousness unto children's children.

SERVICE OF PRAYER — (*By the Minister and Choir*)

- (a) **Minister** — O God, the Father of lights; help us so to live in thy peace that even the night shall be light about us. O thou who dost neither slumber nor sleep, send out thy light and thy truth, till all men shall see thy glory, and the whole earth be full of the knowledge of God.

Choir — *Amen.*

- (b) **Minister** — Almighty Father, refresh with quiet sleep this night those who are wearied with the labors of the day: and mercifully protect from harm all who put their trust in thee; that, lying down in peace to take our rest, we may confidently give ourselves into thy holy keeping.

Choir — *Amen.*

- (c) **Minister** — O Lord God, the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. Soothe our troubled thoughts and breathe thy peace into our restless hearts, and in the light of a new day may we rise to bless thee for thy sheltering care.

Choir — *Amen.*

- (d) **Minister** — May the peace of God support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,

and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Choir — *Amen.*

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SERVICE OF DEDICATION * —

Minister — Let us pray.

All — O heavenly Father, give us loyal hearts, and grant as we bring our gift to thine altar, it may be the symbol of consecration of all that we are and all that we have to the fulfillment of thy will. And thine shall be the glory now and forever. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Evensong

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

The People seated

INVOCATION * — (*By the Minister*)

SERVICE OF PRAISE —

Minister — O clap your hands unto God, all ye people, shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

People — For the Lord most high is a great King over all the earth.

Minister — Sing praises to God; sing praises. Sing praises unto our King; sing praises.

People — Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of glory will come in.

Minister — Who is this King of glory?

People — The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

(Or a Service of Praise can be given by the Choir or Minister and Choir)

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

O Lord our God, we come at the close of the day to thee, our Eternal Light, our refuge in all generations. We thank thee for thy power, so unimaginably great, greater than our failure, our sin, or our rebellion. Most of all do we thank thee for thy love, which all our foolishness has never tired; the love which makes thy dealings with us mercy; the love that one day shall gather every wanderer home. Come, as

noiseless as the light, and steal within. Brood upon the deep with peace and calm. Touch us with thy hand that we may turn and see thy face. *Amen.*

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

SERVICE OF ASSURANCE —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in nature and in the honesty of her laws, as a revelation of the Creator's power, wisdom and love; and in beauty of form, color, sound and life as an expression of divine harmonies.

We believe in friendship as the kinship of souls through a common spiritual Fatherhood; in service as a partial payment to the goodness of life and the God of life; in faith as the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen; and in worship as a trysting place between man and God.

We believe in prayer as communion and fellowship with the God and Father of us all. We believe, Lord help our unbelief.

SERVICE OF PRAYER — (*By the Minister and Choir*)

(a) **Minister** — O Immanuel, God forever with us, may the desires that stir among the people exalt every valley and make every mountain low. We mourn the misunderstandings that arm the nations, our failure to find a common faith to unite us all. Come and heal our divisions and enable us to find that one highway, along which we may march together to the Promised Land.

Choir — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Most Compassionate Father, like children who gather together to hear the old stories again at nightfall, we want to hear the story of thy love, the story of Jesus and his cross. We want to lose our griefs, our sadness and ourselves in thee. Like dwellers in the heated plains who lift their eyes to distant hills, so do we lift our hearts to the thoughts of thee, the Pure and

Holy. Receive us, shelter us under thy wings, hide us in thy heart.

Choir — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Father of Light, Sun of the Soul, when the shadows of twilight fall and darkness ends the day, our thoughts turn to thee who dwellest where night never comes. We would make to thee our evensong for the fair beauty of the day, for the Sabbath rest of our spirits, for sacred memories and thoughts of holiness, and for this evening hour made solemn by thy peace.

Choir — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — Like pillow to tired head, like light to watching eyes, be thou our God to us this night. As stars come out when the sun goes down, and voices are heard in the silence which were drowned in the noise of the day, so let us be silent now until thy presence grows more real, and we find both doubt and desire but heralds of thy drawing nigh.

Choir — *Amen.*

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SERVICE OF DEDICATION *

Minister — Let us pray.

All — O Father, enable us to keep, through toil of brain and hand, unbroken vigil with the soul. Help us to play our part

in the life of our times, think truly, act kindly, strike a blow for freedom. May we seek to discharge those duties which lay their commission on our conscience; so that we may come at length in thee, and find our wills in harmony with thine.
Amen.

GLORIA *

CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Evensong

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

INVOCATION * — (*By the Minister*)

The People seated

SERVICE OF PRAISE —

Minister — Be still and know that I am God.

People — I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

Minister — Trust in him at all times, ye people; pour out your hearts before him.

People — God hath spoken once; twice have we heard this, that power belongeth unto God.

Minister — O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

People — Thou art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.

(Or a service of Praise can be given by the Choir or Minister and Choir)

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

Eternal Father, we come to thee at the close of day when, from olden time, men have always turned aside to seek thy face. We turn from our perplexities, our imperfections, and our sins to thine infinite perfection, goodness and beauty; like men who turn from dusty toil to cleansing streams, like those who raise their eyes from the city's streets to snow-

clad mountains and the light of stars. Steal upon us like the grace of summer evenings; like the dew on parched ground, like warm winds from sunnier lands. Touch our aspirations, rest our longings in thyself; for thou hast made us. *Amen.*

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

SERVICE OF ASSURANCE * —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — We believe in the great Shepherd of the sheep, whose name is Wonderful, Counsellor, Immanuel, God-with-us; and in the Vine of which we are the branches. We believe in the Comforter who shall abide with us always; in Cities of Refuge for tempted and needy souls, and in the altar as a refuge for the oppressed.

We believe in the Holy of Holies where men may meet with God; in the Wells of Salvation from which if one drinks he shall never thirst again; in the Bread of Life which shall sustain the soul; in the City that lieth foursquare, whose shining walls beckon us onward; and in the divine provision for present needs which will meet our immediate necessities.

SERVICE OF PRAYER — (*By Minister and Choir*)

(a) **Minister** — O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of mankind, forbid that in our highest interests we should find fellowship impossible. May the spirit of Christ break down all barriers and answer the desire of all nations. May we never be content with aught that excludes another from the fullness of thy grace, a single soul from the welcome of thy heart.

Choir — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — O God, the author of all joy, we thank thee that above the sounds of strife and pain sometimes there break strains as of an army marching in triumph; and even our greatest sadness finds a setting in some old sweet song. So we bring our broken lives to thee. O Divine Musician, win from us some mighty strain, tune

us to the harmony of thy will, make all our lives a hymn of praise.

Choir — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Immortal, Eternal, Invisible, teach us not to despise the life we are called to live, since it was given us by thee. May we remember that this life of ours has been divinely lived, that this robe of flesh and strange infirmity has been thy garment. Teach us so to live that we may not fear the judgment of the world to come, nor be frightened at the flaming of eternal dawn.

Choir — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — O Light Eternal, to whose dawning man lifts his darkened face, shine on us gathered here to wait for thee. Pierce the earth-born clouds that hide thee from us. May every heart that watches with us see the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing in his wings.

Choir — *Amen.*

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

SERVICE OF DEDICATION * —

Minister — Let us pray.

All — O God, if thou comest dressed as duty, plain, drab and undesired, grant that we may not turn from thy commands. As neglected duties come now to mind, help us to go back and faithfully discharge them, lest we stand at last condemned

before thee, with no joy of having done thy will upon the earth to make a heaven about us. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Evensong

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ORGAN PRELUDE — A time of quiet devotion.

HYMN OF PRAISE * — (*If a Processional, the People seated and silent during first stanza*)

INVOCATION * — (*By the Minister*)

The People seated

SENTENCES OF PRAISE —

Minister — Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

People — Preserve us, O God, for in thee do we put our trust.

Minister — Let such as love thy salvation say continually, the Lord's name be praised.

People — Our heart shall rejoice in him, because we trusted in his holy name.

Minister — Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; rejoice and sing praise.

People — We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

(Or a Service of Praise can be given by the Choir or Minister and Choir)

Minister — Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION — (*All uniting*)

O Lord, we lift our souls to the awe of the eventide. Above the tree-tops hang the heavens in their glory, but above the stars art thou and the eternal silence. We rejoice that in the quiet of thy day of rest our spirits have been attuned to the melodies of thy beauty. As this day closes and passes from our control, the sense of our shortcomings is quick within us and we seek thy pardon. Change us by the power

of thy saving grace from sources of evil into forces for good, that so the face of thy Christ may smile upon us and the light within us may shine undimmed. *Amen.*

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF FAITH —

Minister — In the Master's name let us make our Confession of Faith.

All — I affirm my faith in the reality of the spiritual world, in the sacred voice of duty, in the compelling power of truth and holiness, in prayer, in the life eternal, in him who is the life of my life and the reality behind all things visible. I affirm my faith in the kingdom of God and my hope in its final triumph. I rejoice to believe in God.

SERVICE OF PRAYER — (*By Minister and Choir*)

(a) **Minister** — O Lord, we praise thee for our sister, the Night, who folds all the tired folk of the earth in her comfortable robe of darkness and gives them sleep. And now through thee we send Good night to all our brothers and sisters, near and far, and pray for peace upon all the earth.

Choir — *Amen.*

(b) **Minister** — Our Father, we remember those who must wake that we may sleep. Bless the guardians of peace, the watchers who save us from the terrors of fire, and the many who carry on through the hours of the night the restless commerce of men on sea and land.

Choir — *Amen.*

(c) **Minister** — Accept the work of every day, O Lord, as we lay it at thy feet. Accept every right intention however brokenly fulfilled, but grant that ere our life is done we may under thy tuition become true master workmen, who know the art of a just and valiant life.

Choir — *Amen.*

(d) **Minister** — O God, in whom is neither near nor far, through thee we yearn for those who belong to us and who are not here. We cast our cares for them on thee

in this evening hour, and pray thee to do better for them than we could do. We remember too the loved ones into whose dear eyes we cannot look again. Wherever they be, lay thy hand tenderly upon them and grant that some day we may meet again, and hear once more their broken words of love.

Choir — *Amen.*

CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

After the Prayer, the Minister and People may say together the LORD'S PRAYER. This may be followed by a CHOIR RESPONSE.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING * — (*By the Minister*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *

PRAYER OF DEDICATION * —

Minister — Let us pray.

All — We bless thee that we are set amidst this rich brotherhood of kindred life with its mysterious power to quicken and uplift. Make us eager to pay the price for what we get by putting forth our own life in wholesome good will. As thou art ever pouring out thy life in sacrificial father-love, may we accept the eternal law of the cross and give ourselves to thee and to all men. *Amen.*

GLORIA *

SERMON

HYMN OF PEACE * — (*If a Recessional, the People seated and silent during last stanza*)

SILENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — (*The People seated*)

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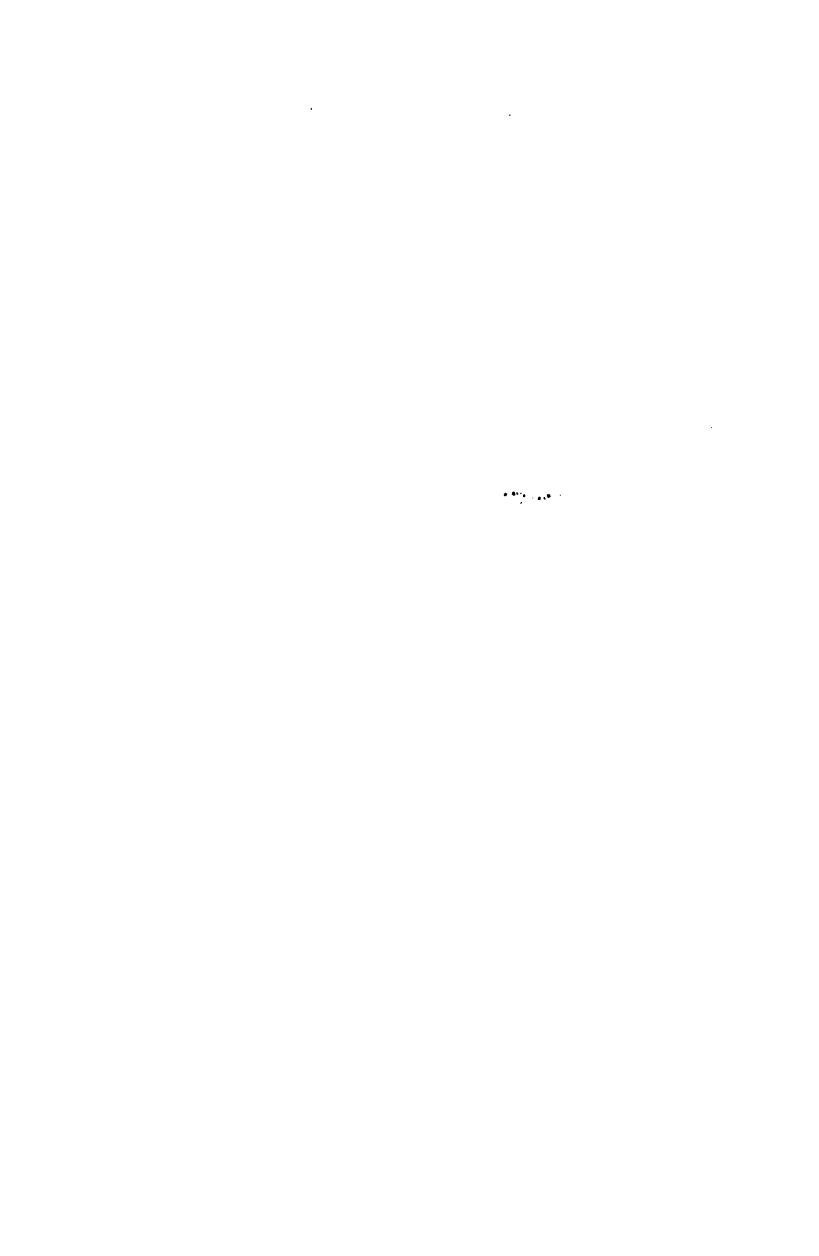
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